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Huma Abedin, wife of Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., is seen in United Arab Emirates, Friday, June 10, 2011.

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Emails capture Palin's meteoric rise

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin exits the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in Jersey City, N.J. Reporters and photographers waited for the release of boxes containing thousands of pages of Sarah Palin's emails from her time as Alaska's governor Friday, June 10, 2011 in Juneau, Alaska.

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

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Skiers take advantage of record snowpack in West

WINA STURGEON

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LITTLE COTTONWOOD

CANYON, Utah

— At the base of a slope that at this time of year usually tests the skills of mountain bikers, roughly 60 skiers and snowboarders, hoping to get first tracks on the mountain, waited for the 8 a.m. opening of the tram at Snowbird resort. These were not bitter-enders hoping to eke out runs on a thin swatch of snow. At this northern Utah resort, it is still winter. There is hardly a bare spot on the mountain. Piles of snow line the vast parking lot. With much of the country in the grip of record-high temperatures, it was 31 degrees here Friday morning. Snowbird has announced that it will be open for snow sports three days a week until July 4. And it could stay open even later.

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spring have resulted in a record snowpack in much of the mountain regions of the West. 775 inches of snow this season, well above its average of 500.



Eric Jugker looks down the terrain of the Mineral Basin at Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in Alta, Utah, June 10, 2011. An unusually heavy winter snowfall and a cold, wet spring have resulted in a record snowpack in much of the mountain regions of the West.

(Tom Smart/The New York Times)

West. Bob Bonar, the general manager at Snowbird, said the mountain received more than “We even got 20 inches of powder over Memorial Day weekend, and our current

average base is more than 15 feet,” Bonar said. “The holiday may not even be the end. We may stay open a few weekends longer if the snow stays good.”

But if the giant snowpack remains a boon to skiers at Snowbird and at Snowbasin Resort about 70 miles to the north, it has been problematic to others.

Ed Chauner, director of the Intermountain Cup Mountain Bike Racing Series, said he had to change the site of a race last month because the original site, Sundance Resort, still had 10 feet of snow. A race planned at Snowbird on July 2 is also in jeopardy because, Chauner says, “there’s still 20 feet of snow on parts of the course.”

“All this weather is killing us,” Chauner said. “No one can get out and train during the week, because its been so cold and wet. If they can’t train, they don’t come out to

race. Our rider numbers have been way down.”

The La Nina phenomenon is behind the weather anomaly, said Lindsay Storrs, a meteorologist at KUTV in Salt Lake City. In a La Nina year, she said, cooler than normal water temperatures in the Pacific off the coast of Chile leads to cooler and wetter weather in winter and spring in the western United States.

“Troughs develop along the West Coast of the U.S. when this occurs,” Storrs said. “That allows storms to continuously drop out of the Gulf of Alaska, giving the western U.S. above average precipitation.”

Snowbird’s full parking lot is testimony to the attraction of this season’s late snow.

“I have skied for 72 years, and I’ve never skied snow like this in June,” said Eric Kucker, 75, a Swiss citizen who travels back and forth from Laguna Beach, Calif., to Salt Lake City. □



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As former aides speak out, Gingrich continues his bid

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Newt Gingrich vowed Friday to campaign for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination on his own terms, saying he would do “whatever it takes” to remain in the race despite the exodus a day earlier of nearly his entire senior staff.

“There is a fundamental strategic difference between the traditional consulting community and the kind of campaign I want to run,” Gingrich said. “Now we’ll find out over the next year who’s right.” Even as some prominent Republicans, including Gov. Terry E. Branstad of Iowa, questioned his viability, Gingrich made plans to deliver a foreign policy speech in Los Angeles on Sunday night and to participate in a Republican debate in New Hampshire on Monday night. And he sought to rebut suggestions by his former aides that he had failed to engage in the campaign as fully as necessary because his wife, Callista, was micromanaging his schedule and did not wish to devote every waking minute to the slog of a campaign.

“We make decisions as a couple,” Gingrich told reporters gathered outside his home in Virginia on Friday. “I think most couples would find that refreshing, not a problem.”

The departure of the campaign staff came after the couple returned from a cruise that left them out of public view for 11 days, just as the Republican contest was getting going in earnest and as Gingrich was seeking to recover from some missteps. □



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Jury may have doubted key Mumbai attacks witness

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CHICAGO (AP) — Five days of testimony from the government’s star witness in the trial of a Chicago businessman accused in the deadly 2008 Mumbai attacks provided a rare glimpse into the inner workings of a Pakistani militant group and its suspected ties to the country’s main intelligence agency. But jurors’ split verdict in the case suggests they didn’t always take David Coleman Headley — an admitted terrorist with a troubled past — at his word, underlining the difficulties federal prosecutors face winning complex terrorism cases that involve questionable cooperating witnesses and a complicated web of terror networks.

“Jurors are always looking for corroborating evidence,” said former U.S. Attorney Paul Charlton. “Mr. Headley avoided the death penalty and it’s understandable that jurors would want evidence that his testimony was independently confirmed, but didn’t find it.” □

Weiner confirms he sent private messages to 17 year old girl



Huma Abedin, wife of Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., an aide to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, heads to a meeting at the Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Rep. Anthony D. Weiner confirmed Friday that he had exchanged at least five private messages on Twitter this spring with a 17-year-old Delaware girl who became an admirer of his after hearing him speak during a high school trip to Washington.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh, POOL)

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Weiner’s spokeswoman, Risa Heller, did not provide copies of the messages, but said they were not inappropriate.

“According to Congressman Weiner, his communications with this person were neither explicit nor indecent,” Heller said. A member of the girl’s family who spoke on the condition of anonymity to protect the girl’s identity characterized the messages as “harmless” but expressed concern that the congressman was privately communicating with her, a high school junior. The family had been aware that there were exchanges between Weiner and the girl but had assumed that all of their conversations had taken place on a public Twitter feed until

the scandal erupted last month over a photo Weiner sent of himself in his underwear to a college student.

Last week, Weiner acknowledged that he sent other explicit photos and messages to six women he met over social media.

The family member said: “I am angry. This is surreal and unbelievable. It is absolutely crazy. We are just regular people who go to baseball games and basketball games, as ordinary and plain as can be.”

In the past few days, the girl and her family have become subjects of intense media interest. On Friday afternoon, the local police arrived at their home and asked the girl and her mother to bring the girl’s phone and computer to the police station so it could be reviewed to make sure that no crime had occurred.

The family member said the family complied and does not expect any further action to be taken.

The girl’s contact with Weiner started in early April, after her trip to Washington. Weiner spoke to her school group, and she began following him on Twitter and posted a public message saying how much she liked his speech.

Two days later, the congressman began following her. On her profile, she says that she aspires to be president. In a private message he sent to her, he said: “How hip am I talking to a future president.” Delighted that she had heard directly from a congressman, the girl wrote a public post on her Twitter feed: “talking to Rep Weiner from New York right now! is my life real?”

At the time, a group of conservatives was monitoring Weiner’s Twitter activity, after noticing that he was sending private messages to a stripper from Tennessee.

When members of the group saw the girl’s post, suggesting she was engaging in a private conversation with the congressman, they alerted Weiner that they were watching him. “(AT)RepWeiner new pal is a high school girl. First porn actresses now little girls. Weird.”

They also copied the girl on some of the messages they sent to him, so she sent Weiner a private message telling him that she felt she was being harassed. He apologized to her in a private message and removed her from the list of people he followed on Twitter. About a month later, Weiner sent out a public message, saying he wanted to attract more followers on Twitter, and offered to follow people on his account if they wanted him to.

The girl responded to the appeal and posted a public message to him, “Don’t forget me. I used to follow you.” On May 16, he began following the girl again, and, over the next 10 days, they exchanged three private messages, according to the family member. □

Crowded field of winners at video game convention

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LOS ANGELES — For anyone involved with the video game industry, surviving the E3 convention is an annual rite of passage. Many of the tens of thousands of developers, journalists and PR people here find themselves attending up to 16 hours of meetings each day for four or even five days straight, giving the whole thing the feeling of summer camp meets the Bataan Death March. In a good way. After all, we're talking about video games.

Still, it is physically impossible for one person to see or play even a quarter of the coming games on offer. So all week everyone talks to one another, even direct competitors, about what they've seen and how they've felt about it. Usually a consensus emerges about the standout game or two. Not this year. While there was buzz surrounding one hardware announcement, Nintendo's new Wii U console, expected next year, no single game came out of nowhere to become the talk of the show. But don't interpret that as a sign of creative stagnation. Quite the opposite. Instead, the overall level of quality



A screen shot of the video game "Battlefield 3," in an undated handout photo. "Battlefield 3" was among the new games that were previewed at this year's E3 convention in Los Angeles.

(The New York Times)

show their coming titles at E3 at all. Second, the sheer size of the show prevented me from spending quality time with several publishers, among them Atari, Capcom, Konami, Namco Bandai, Sega and THQ.)

Now on to the good stuff.

"Battlefield 3": This is the first military combat game in a long time that will give Activision's juggernaut Call of Duty franchise a run for its money. Based on initial impressions, "Battlefield 3" may be the most realistic-looking

Developed by Rocksteady Studios, "Arkham City" is meant to outdo its predecessor in every way. Rather than a single island, the Dark Knight will have an entire precinct of Gotham City to explore and defend. Mark Hamill is back as the voice of the Joker, and Catwoman will be the playable character for about 10 percent of the game. (Warner Brothers; Oct. 18; Windows, 360 and PS3.)

"BioShock Infinite": In narrative depth and intellectual ambition, "Infinite" appeared to be the top of the class at E3. Developed by Irrational Games, it appears to take place in the same fictional universe as the acclaimed "BioShock" (although that has not been confirmed). Instead of a city under the Atlantic, the milieu is now a floating metropolis called Columbia, set about a century ago. "Infinite" looks to mix blood-pumping action with a deeply philosophical story line about community and the role of the individual. (2K Games; 2012; Windows, 360 and PS3.)

"Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3": Mixing military realism and over-the-top set-piece fabulism, "Call of Duty" has become one of the most lucrative and culturally important game franchises. In the first scene shown at E3, you are a U.S. commando infiltrating and destroying a Russian submarine during a naval battle in New York Harbor. If that

sounds wild, consider that the next scene was an explosion-riddled shootout amid hurtling subways in the London Underground. (Activision; Nov. 8; Windows, 360 and PS3.)

"Defiance": The demonstration of this near-future shooter was most notable for what will not make it into the final product. In the presentation one developer on an Xbox 360 was actually playing online with another developer on a PlayStation 3. Microsoft and Sony are the Hatfields and

ask why the sequel to "Final Fantasy XIII" isn't called Final Fantasy XIV. OK, fine: In its infinite wisdom, Square Enix had already used the "XIV" moniker for a separate game. The point is that "XIII-2" seems poised to correct the design flaws that made "XIII" so frustrating. Most important, this game will actually let the player make some choices about where to go and what to do. (Square Enix; early 2012; 360 and PS3.)

"Fruit Ninja Kinect": I ran into this game by accident, and it provided the most fun I had in three minutes all week. The only downloadable game on this list, "Fruit Ninja" will already be familiar to the more than 25 million people who have played it on mobile phones and tablets. On Kinect, instead of tracing your finger across a screen to slash open the flying produce section, you can use your whole arm. Hiiii-ya! (Halfbrick Studios; this summer; Xbox Live.)

"Gears of War 3": Besides "Halo," "Gears of War" is the most important franchise exclusive to the Xbox family. "Gears 3" is still a gory, high-octane third-person shooter, but the alien environments

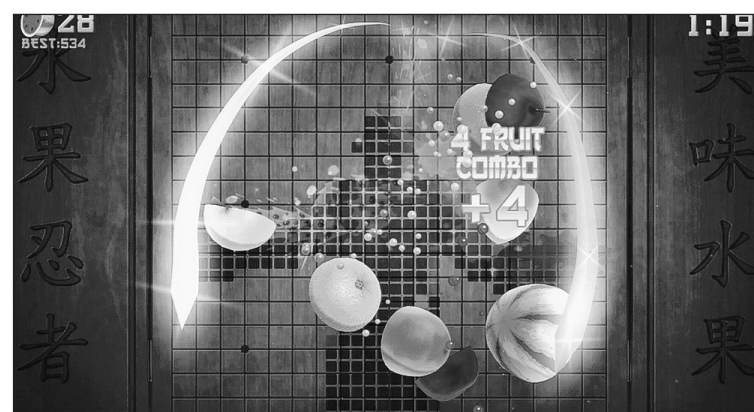


A screenshot of the video game "Batman: Arkham City," in an undated handout photo. "Arkham City" was among the new games that were previewed at this year's E3 convention in Los Angeles.

(The New York Times)

among the top publishers was so consistently high that a few games stood out because they were subpar rather than because they looked great. We'll spare those the harsh glare of ridicule until they're released. Instead, here we'll follow the games that most impressed in a crowded field. (Two caveats. First, three truly elite developers — Blizzard, Rockstar and Valve — didn't

shooter yet. It is being developed by DICE of Sweden, a studio with an excellent track record and is set amid a conflict between Russia and the West in the near future. (To be published by Electronic Arts on Oct. 25 for Windows, Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3.) "Batman: Arkham City": This is the sequel to the best comic-book game yet, 2009's "Batman: Arkham Asylum."



A screen shot of the video game "Fruit Ninja Kinect," in an undated handout photo. "Fruit Ninja" was among the new games that were previewed at this year's E3 convention in Los Angeles.

(The New York Times)

McCoys of the game world, so this was stunning. The point the producers were trying to make, successfully, was that this is technologically possible. Unfortunately, neither Sony nor Microsoft will allow anyone to ship a cross-console game at retail. More's the pity. (Trion Worlds; Windows, 360 and PS3; no announced release date.)

"Final Fantasy XIII-2": Don't

your space marines fight through are now much more dynamic. Buildings crumble, monsters burst through walls, and the overall level of mayhem just seems higher. Additionally, the gorgeous lighting effects that Epic Games, maker of the nearly ubiquitous Unreal graphics engine, bring to the fore have only improved. (Microsoft; Sept. 20; 360.)

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Plastic bag makers accuse Chicobag of trash-talking

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SAN FRANCISCO – The plastic bag industry, which has been increasingly on the defensive as municipal bag bans proliferate, has gone on the attack against ChicoBag, a competitor that bills itself as an eco-friendly alternative. An ongoing federal lawsuit in South Carolina accuses ChicoBag of illegal trash-talking about plastic bag waste.

The lawsuit, filed by three leading plastic-bag manufacturers, contends that ChicoBag (whose reusable bag, when compressed into its carrying pouch, looks like a slightly squished Hacky Sack) knowingly overstated figures like the size of the garbage patch in the Pacific Ocean and the number of marine creatures killed by eating plastic garbage.

Andy Keller, 38, the inventor of the ChicoBag and the company's president, said he believes the industry is going after a small competitor because "their product" has "become the post-er child of unnecessary waste." He added that the facts on his website "have been part of the public debate for years."

Not so, said Philip Rozenski, director of marketing and sustainability at Hilex Poly. He said ChicoBag's website links to Environmental Protection Agency information that is outdated. The EPA no longer endorses estimates like the one ChicoBag cited: that only 1 percent of plastic bags are recycled. Citing EPA figures from 2009, Rozenski said 11.8 percent of bags, sacks and wraps made from the most-used compounds are recycled. That category, however, also includes shrink wrap, plastic coverings over fresh grocery items or the plastic enclosing cartons of water bottles. Perhaps the most creative form of trash-talking done by ChicoBag, however, is not part of the lawsuit. Noting that Americans use an average of 500 plastic bags a year, Keller sometimes dresses up as "Bagmonster," donning 500 bags and going to rallies or even skiing in his trashy regalia.

He also notes that Hilex Poly's website also appeals to the environmentally conscious, touting new reusable or biodegradable products and encouraging reduction in paper bag waste.

Keller said: "We agree on all those things. Their business is single-use bags; mine is reusable bags – we disagree on the proper course of action."

Rozenski styles his company's lawsuit as a business case.

"This is about a direct competitor making false and misleading claims within the marketplace. When ChicoBag is making these claims, it directly benefits Chico."

Rick Kurnit, a lawyer specializing in claims made under the federal Lanham Act prohibiting false and misleading advertising, indicated the plastic bag manufacturers may not have an easy time of it, even if Keller's claims prove to be exaggerated. □

Previously unreleased emails capture Palin's meteoric rise

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JUNEAU, Alaska – Few could have been more surprised than Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska when Sen. John McCain picked her as his running mate in 2008.

"Can you believe it!" she wrote in response to a staff member's "Wow governor" message that Friday in late August when the choice was announced. "He told me yesterday – it moved Fast! Pray! I love you."

Not two days earlier, Palin had been dealing with the sometimes mundane matters of one of the nation's least-populous states: a ballot initiative on mining, thorny personnel issues involving her ex-brother-in-law and her personal request for "Alaska pins and governor pencils (or pens) to drop off at Gladys Wood Elem School today after my AFL CIO speech."

A scan of Palin's emails in the weeks just before and after she was chosen as McCain's running mate on the Republican ticket – among some 24,000 pages of them released by the state of Alaska on Friday – show in minute detail how she went overnight from being a small-state governor who was midway through her first term to a dominant figure in Republican politics.

One moment she was immersed in board appointments and the Miss Alaska beauty pageant, the next she was receiving advice from the likes of Newt Gingrich and fielding



Reporters and photographers wait for the release of boxes containing thousands of pages of Sarah Palin's emails from her time as Alaska's governor Friday, June 10, 2011 in Juneau, Alaska. The emails released Friday were first requested during the 2008 White House race by citizens and news organizations, including The Associated Press.

(AP Photo/Brian Wallace)

questions from the national media, including whether she believed that dinosaurs and humans had walked the earth together.

"Arghhhh!" she wrote in one message. "I am so sorry that the office is swamped like this! Dinosaurs even?!"

The release here of Palin's

emails – which are sprinkled with mentions of God and Palinisms like "flippin" as a G-rated exclamation – were an extraordinary event in their own right, providing the sort of intimate look into a governor's day-to-day interactions that is rarely available to the public. □

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Good boy! An animal trainer's tony treat

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Broadway bears a distinct resemblance to a wildlife preserve these days, with its war horses and Bengal tigers jockeying for Tony Awards Sunday night (and flying spiders biding their time until next season). What better year, then, to give a special Tony to the animal trainer William Berloni, who found Little Orphan Annie her first Sandy and has since put hundreds of critters through their paces.

Berloni arrived at the 2011 Tony media reception last month with a mutt named Oliver, one of the 40 animals he keeps at his Connecticut farm. The celebrity-hungry camera crews, which might otherwise have ignored this slight 54-year-old man with a salt-and-pepper beard, jostled for photos. The dog-and-pony show had taken on new meaning.

But Berloni also had an overnight bag with him. None of



William Berloni, an animal trainer, spends time with his dog, Chico, who became the star of "Legally Blonde" on Broadway, in San Diego, May 25, 2011. Berloni, who found Little Orphan Annie her dog and has groomed scores of other animals for Broadway, will be honored during the Tony Awards this weekend.

(Robert Benson/The New York Times)

the shows in contention this year are using him, and within a few hours of the reception he would be on a flight back to Toronto, where he was working on a Disney Channel

TV movie. Oliver was hustled back to the farm, where he could run around and dig holes and do the things that out-of-work animal actors do. Broadway, it turns out, is honoring Berloni for his work just as it is figuring out how to make do without him.

The choice to work stage magic with elaborate puppets as horses and Robin Williams as a tiger instead of live animals is understandable. Berloni's equine experience is confined largely to a white stallion that Natalie Portman briefly rode

in "The Seagull" at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park, and the closest thing to a savage tiger in his repertory has been the cat that returns home to a scene of unimaginable carnage in "The Lieutenant of Inishmore."

He has stories about these productions and many more. He had to make a rare stage appearance as a groomsman in order to keep a closer eye on that stallion. ("I'm usually hidden behind a piece of scenery," he said.) And to acclimate the poor cat to the au-

dience's gasps and shrieks, he had to play it an audiotape of similar sounds for two days straight.

But he has time to tell these stories partly because he hasn't had a New York stage job in nearly two years.

The original "La Bete" in 1991 and the 1987 revival of "Anything Goes" used his animals; this year's Tony-nominated revivals of those titles made do without. "Money has gotten so tight," said Berloni, who had discussed using dogs in the current "Anything Goes" with the director, Kathleen Marshall. "It becomes, 'We can either have the costumes we want, or we can have a dog.'" In recent years, he said, revivals of "Gypsy" and "The Miracle Worker" also opted to go with the costumes.

Marshall confirmed that she had hoped to use live dogs in "Anything Goes," but the production couldn't make it work financially. "Not Bill's fees," she said, "but the weekly expenses, the handler in the building."

(Once Berloni sets the behaviors and gets the animal and the cast comfortable with each other, he frequently delegates the day-to-day responsibilities to one of a handful of trainers.)

Berloni has already been secured for a Broadway "Annie" revival to open in the fall of 2012, and he has also taken a proactive step toward making his services irreplaceable. His wife and partner in William Berloni's Theatrical Animals, Dorothy, has purchased the theatrical rights to the 2000 children's book "Because of Winn-Dixie," which features yet another scruffy mutt. □

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A CALL FOR CONCERTED ACTION

The Aruba Declaration on Obesity signed with attention to childhood obesity

ORANJESTAD - The participants of the Pan American Conference on Obesity with special attention to childhood obesity signed The Aruba Declaration yesterday. This document was signed by nearly two dozen countries of the Americas and will be submitted at the Global Summit on Non-Communicable Diseases of the General Assembly of Heads of State and Government, to be held in New York in September 2011.

This initiative was under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and Sports of Aruba Hon. Richard Visser, a group consisting of representatives of international organizations and scientific experts who met in Oranjestad, Aruba from January 26-29, 2011 working on the fight against obesity, and the promotion of healthy weight with the goal to discuss the current situation regarding the global obesity epidemic, and to propose a concerted action plan; Recognizing that the growing obesity epidemic needed to be addressed, as data conclude that obesity prevalence in the Americas has increased and in some cases doubled, affecting all ages, cultures, genders and especially children; Recognizing that being over-



weight or obese during childhood has both immediate and long-term health outcomes. Increasingly, obese children diagnosed with a range of health conditions previously seen almost exclusively among adults, including high cholesterol, high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea and joint problems. Moreover, being overweight or obese in childhood signifi-

cantly increases the likelihood of being overweight or obese in adolescence and adulthood, which is very hard to reverse. Early prevention and priority to address childhood obesity is of critical importance; Noting that in recognition of the urgent need to address the obesity pandemic, the Minister of Health of Aruba initiated the Pan American Conference on Obesity with special at-



tention to childhood obesity, held from June 8 – 11, 2011, in Oranjestad, Aruba, providing an opportunity to discuss the challenges of promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing childhood obesity and the related health issues, and to exchange effective strategies in the fight against obesity, especially in childhood; Therefore, the participants of the Pan American Conference

on Obesity with special attention to Childhood Obesity declare that it is necessary: To commit to the fight against childhood obesity by sharing strategies and actions contained with our respective governments, institutions and communities; and then promoting those strategies that are consistent with national circumstances. □

~ Photos by Julia Renfro

Sex and the City star participates in AIFF

Kim Cattrall walks the red carpet on Aruba



ORANJESTAD - Kim Cattrall ("Sex and the City" series) walked the red carpet last evening at the Paseo Herencia Mall for the opening of the Aruba International Film Festival. She was absolutely fabulous and sincerely fascinated with Aruba to the point she'd already picked up a few words in the local language Papiamentu. Cattrall stopped

and spoke with the media and with fans, even signing I-pads. Director Jonathan Demme ("The Silence of the Lambs", "The Manchurian Candidate"), wardrobe designer Michael Kaplan ("Blade Runner", "Burlesque", "Fight Club") and director Milcho Manchevski ("Before the Rain", "Brothers") are scheduled to attend the 2nd Annual

Aruba International Film Festival (AIFF).

The guests will also participate in the "In Conversation With" series.

Cattrall's entrance on the Red Carpet at Paseo Herencia started the event on June 10. Her "In Conversation With" series will take place June 11. Demme will have his series June 12. Kaplan and Manchevski's dates are to be announced.

Also attending the festival is 50 Cent, who will be present for the Caribbean premiere of his new film, "Things Fall Apart", a dramatic film centered around a football running back during his senior year of college.

According to the press release, the AIFF "stands to further global awareness for the Island of Aruba as a center of art, culture and creativity and serve as a platform to promote the understanding and appreciation for the art of cinema and filmmaking. With participants enjoying a relaxed



Aruban ambiance and a casual interaction between filmmakers and audience.

The annual AIFF will bring people from around the world to view a wide selection of films, join in discussions and attend special parties and events.

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Radisson Resort Casino & Spa makes a Cool Donation



SAN NICOLAS -- The Fontein Kleuterschool in San Nicholas was the grateful recipient of four airconditioning units, courtesy of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. In a recent ceremony at the school, General Manager Rob Smith, Director of Human Resource Glenn Farro, government representative Carmelita Hayes, and HR Manager Angelique Croes, had the distinct pleasure of pressing the remote control buttons to activate the air-conditioners, welcoming climate control into the school's classrooms. School director Georgino Vro-

lijk reports the gift will surely promote learning, and make the school experience for his 110 students, divided into four classes, ever-so pleasant and comfortable, promoting education and learning.

The director also thanked Minister Dowers, whose office facilitated the electrical work, and warmly praised the Radisson representatives for their community involvement. With his usual long-term thinking and planning, Glenn Farro asked the kids if they wanted to work at the Radisson when they grew up making sure they knew the way to

his office, when applying for a position at the resort, upon the completion of their education. The kids welcomed their guests enthusiastically with Radisson's name on ban-



ners, and sang Aruba's national anthem as well as an appreciative "masha danki" song.

Pictured here, the Fontein Kleuterschool, welcoming their cool guests. □



Joseph Fennelly rewarded with a giant jackpot



PALM BEACH – No investment specialist could have done better, that Joseph Fennelly, who played the progressive dollar slot machine at Cool Casino, Riu Palace. According to Joseph, he came in at about 11pm, determined to play just \$20. It was his second casino spree, and he was heading to a certain slot machine, he knew, would be good to him. Indeed, his machine of choice started ringing to the tune of \$5,385.17, making the NJ visitor, very happy! □

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Time to book a table and go for the gold! The asparagus have been flown in by KLM and have been hand delivered to Chef Bas Kuurstra by Theo Wouters from DeliCaribbean. There are some terrific choices for asparagus lovers this year.

These include a creamy velouté with strips of smoked salmon, the classic favorite with melted butter, a boiled egg, ham or smoked salmon and new potatoes, rack of New Zealand lamb in a herb crust with a thyme sauce, new potatoes, seared filet of Helibut filet in a white wine sauce



or stewed asparagus with cinnamon, Belgian chocolate ice cream, a ginger snap, whipped cream and a caramel sauce. Choices, choices! We can give you a bit of ad-

vice here too: don't wait too long to come to Papillon Restaurant: the white asparagus is a seasonal vegetable, in great demand by connoisseurs and gourmands. □

With dynamic new board of directors PFTSA heads into General Assembly

EAGLE BEACH - The Pension Fund Tourism Sector Aruba is preparing for its annual General Assembly, under leadership of a dedicated new board of directors. Jossy Lacle recently took over the position of Chairman of the Board, as part of a plan to further professionalize the fund's operations and improve and broaden the foundation's services to its stakeholders. Lacle is joined by Ton Kolman, Manchebo beach Hotel & Spa, Nathaly Wouters, AHATA, and board Vice President Glenn Farro, Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, representing the employers, and Ann Brinkman, Secretary, Holiday Inn Sunspree, Rudy Geerman, FTA, and Valerie Pietersz-Camacho, Paseo Herencia, representing the employees. The foundation's day-to-day operations are overseen by Executive Director Sanaa Baroud, Pension Administrator Isidra Briezen-Arends, Financial Administrator Lateefah Craigg and Roger Silva, responsible for Customer Service. The Pension Fund Tourism Sector Aruba will be holding its next annual General Assembly on June 22nd, 2011, at 3:00pm in the Conference Room of La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club, and the general public and the press are invited.



PFTSA was founded in 1992 as an initiative of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association and the FTA workers' union, as they both shared the same vision for the need to create a pension plan which would provide workers in the tourism industry with additional income after retirement on top of the general old age pension provided by the government.

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Gates delivers a blunt warning to NATO



U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates speak during a Security and Defense Agenda event at the Biblioteque Solvay in Brussels on Friday, June 10, 2011. In his final policy speech as Pentagon chief, Gates questioned the viability of NATO, saying its members' penny-pinching and lack of political will could hasten the end of U.S. support. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was formed in 1949 as a U.S.-led bulwark against Soviet aggression, but in the post-Cold War era it has struggled to find a purpose.

(AP Photo/Jason Reed. Pool)

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BRUSSELS — Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates criticized NATO nations Friday for what he said were shortages of military spending and political will, warning of “a dim if not dismal future” and “irrelevance” for the alliance unless more member nations contribute weapons, money and personnel.

In his final policy speech before he steps down, Gates issued a dire and unusually direct warning that the United States, the traditional leader and patron of the alliance, was exhausted by a decade of war and its own mounting budget deficits and simply might not see NATO as worth supporting any longer.

“The blunt reality,” Gates said, “is that there will be dwindling appetite and patience

in the U.S. Congress — and in the American body politic writ large — to expend increasingly precious funds on behalf of nations that are apparently unwilling to devote the necessary resources or make the necessary changes to be serious and capable partners in their own defense.”

The White House made clear Friday that in the tough tone of his remarks, Gates was speaking for the Pentagon, not necessarily for the administration, and that he appeared to be expressing his own frustrations after years of asking NATO to do more. But a White House official did say that Gates' speech raised “legitimate concerns” about

whether NATO was providing enough resources for the war and that the Obama administration fully expected the alliance to meet its challenges.

The United States accounts for about three-quarters of total military spending by all NATO countries, and it has in the past taken the lead in military operations and provided the bulk of the weapons and material. But in a post-Soviet world, there is growing resentment in Washington about NATO effectively paying for the defense of wealthy European nations.

Those strains have deepened considerably during the air war against Libya's leader, Moammar Gadhafi, the first

NATO-run multilateral war where Washington has pulled back from a leadership role.

The strains come from varying commitments to the war from different NATO countries, the difficulties of coordinating air attacks, deficiencies of aircraft and ammunition and the simple cost of the operation, which is going on longer than many countries, including France, expected when it began March 19.

Although NATO ambassadors attended Gates' speech, the reaction was muted, and there was little response from NATO capitals, which have heard similar criticisms from Gates before, though not in such candid terms. □

Ash from Chilean volcano grounds flights

ROBERTO CANDIA

Associated Press

RININAHUE, Chile (AP) — Steaming rivers filled with hot ash, rocks, and rain threatened to overflow their banks in southern Chile on Friday and ash clouds from a volcano that began erupting nearly a week ago kept some airports closed across much of the southern part of the continent.

In towns bordering the Cordon Caulle volcano, authorities warned that rivers were about to flood due to the large amounts of ash and volcanic rock that have fallen in them and heavy rains that have doused the area of southern Chile.

About 3,500 residents had been evacuated, and 500 of them were still in shelters Friday. Authorities were seeking legal permission Friday to evacuate a dozen more who refused to leave their property and animals behind.

The flow of the Nilahue and GolGol rivers near the volcano had increased from 1,000 cubic feet (30 cubic meters) per second to 5,600 cubic feet (160 cubic meters) per second, Chilean Public Works Minister Hernan de Solminihac said on state television Friday.

“It's important that people leave their homes for their own security, because the volcano has not ceased to erupt,” he said.

Tons of hot volcanic material had raised the temperature of the River Nilahue to 113 degrees Fahrenheit (45 degrees Celsius), killing off large numbers of salmon, Solminihac said. The average air temperature this time of year in the region is about 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius). □

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New West Bengal finance chief faces daunting challenges



Graffiti of freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose in Kolkata, West Bengal, India. West Bengal was once seen as an industrial model for the rest of the nation, but in recent decades, the city's and state's growth rates have lagged behind the rest of the country's.

(Prashanth Vishwanathan/The New York Times)

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KOLKATA, India — Amit Mitra was recently telling visitors why he had just left his cushy job as corporate India's top lobbyist to brave the tumultuous politics of his home state, West Bengal, by becoming its finance minister. A colleague barged into his office. It was the public works minister, reminding Mitra that his department needed \$32 million to cover bills that had gone unpaid since the state's previous government declared a spending freeze in December. "I'll speak to the finance secretary," Mitra told his colleague, Subrata Buxi. "It will be done by 4 today."

If only Mitra, an economist trained at Duke University, could solve all of West Bengal's financial problems so easily. Mitra, 63, whose party won a landslide victory last month against a communist coalition that had ruled the state for 34 years, is the point man for one of India's biggest domestic economic challenges. West Bengal, with a population of 91 million, was once seen as an industrial model for the rest of the nation. Fifty years ago, the state had India's highest per-capita

income, and its biggest city, Kolkata, formerly Calcutta, was the nation's de facto business capital.

But in recent decades, the city's and state's growth rates have lagged behind the rest of the country's. The communist government's restrictive economic policies, authoritarian rule and penchant for strikes prompted many businesses to leave. The country's largest bank, the State Bank of India, moved its headquarters to Mumbai, the current financial capital. In a 2009 World Bank report, Kolkata ranked last among 18 Indian cities based on ease of doing business. But in an election last month, voters replaced the ruling Communist Party of India (Marxist) and its allies with a young political party, the Trinamool Congress, that made reviving the state's economy a central plank of its platform.

"We are very hopeful," said Rana Sinha, chairman of the Kolkata-based eastern region of the trade group Confederation of Indian Industry.

But success will require more than replacing a communist government with favorable business talk. Mitra spent 18 years in New Delhi at the helm of the Federation of In-

dian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the nation's premier business lobbying group. But his new boss, Mamata Banerjee, is a firebrand politician who has sometimes made the corporate community wary. Banerjee, West Bengal's new chief minister — the equivalent of a governor in the U.S. — built a large populist following by opposing controversial industrial projects that had been backed by the previous government. Critics say she was often an absentee manager of the national railways, which she oversaw the last two years as a federal minister, because she was focused on winning in West Bengal.

What is more, she and Mitra have inherited a state debt of 2 trillion rupees (\$44 billion), among the highest in the country relative to the size of its economy. The state's potential revival is not important just for its own sake. Most of India's poorest people live in a dozen northern and eastern states, including West Bengal. Economists and political analysts say that if India is to start approaching its potential, state governments must take the lead in providing their people with better financial opportunities and social services. □

Caribbean News Briefs

Court overturns release of Gitmo detainee

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court overturned on Friday an order that had released a Yemeni detainee from Guantanamo Bay and ruled that circumstantial evidence of terrorist ties can be enough to keep a prisoner behind bars. Government attorneys argued Hussain Salem Mohammad Almerfedi stayed at an al Qaeda-affiliated guesthouse based on the testimony of another Guantanamo detainee. A lower court judge found the testimony unreliable and ordered Almerfedi released, but the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington said the judge erred in finding the testimony unreliable. The circumstances of Almerfedi's capture were not clearly explained in court records. He was apprehended in the Iranian capital, Tehran, after the terrorist attacks in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, and Iranian officials turned him over to Afghan authorities in March 2002 in a prisoner exchange. □

Dozens treated for cholera in small town

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The number of cholera cases is rising in parts of Haiti hit by heavy rains early this week. Alain Legarnec, mission chief for the French aid group Doctors of the World, said Friday that a clinic in the southwestern town of Jeremie treated 77 people for cholera in recent days. That's a fivefold increase from last week and was most likely caused by rising river levels, he said. Haiti and its Caribbean neighbors were hit by a deadly storm on Monday that flooded towns and destroyed houses. The Haitian capital and southern part of the country were especially hard hit. The storm system dumped up to 7 inches of rain in Port-au-Prince since May 30, according to Bob Smerbeck, a senior meteorologist for AccuWeather, a company of forecasters based in State College, Pennsylvania. The mountains in Haiti could have received double that amount of rainfall, Smerbeck added. □

Caribbean official reveals details of bribery case

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — A Caribbean football official acknowledged on Friday getting \$40,000 in cash at a meeting which is being investigated in a FIFA bribery scandal. Suriname federation president Louis Giskus said he received an envelope containing four piles of \$100 bills at a Caribbean Football Union (CFU) conference staged in Trinidad for members to meet then FIFA presidential candidate Mohamed bin Hammam.

Giskus told The Associated Press he reported the cash gift to FIFA's ethics committee after it suspended bin Hammam and FIFA's Trinidadian vice president Jack Warner pending a full inquiry into the gravest corruption crisis to hit football's world governing body. □

Guard may have slept as British couple killed

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) — At least one of three security guards at an upscale Antigua hotel where a British couple was shot to death on their honeymoon may have been asleep at the time, according to testimony Friday in the trial of two men charged in the killing. Security guard Ian Newell's account of the night is vague.

He told jurors he was sleeping during his shift at the Cocos Hotel and that he never heard shots. He said he only realized there was trouble when guest came to him for help. But he did not specifically say he slept through the murders of Welsh couple Catherine and Benjamin Mullany in July 2008. At some point, he recalled only the commotion that followed the shooting. □

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CIA chief on visit to repair ties with Pakistan

ASIF SHAHZAD

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — CIA Director Leon Panetta met over dinner Friday with Pakistan's spy chief and army head for talks on how to repair ties between the two countries that were fractured by the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden, a Pakistani and a U.S. official said.

Panetta's visit was his first to Pakistan since the unilateral American operation on May 2 killed the al-Qaida leader in a Pakistani army town, triggering an angry backlash by the powerful military. It is likely to be his last before he becomes the next U.S. defense secretary. American officials have said they want to rebuild a relationship vital to their fight against al-Qaida and their efforts to wind down the war in Afghanistan, but progress has been slow amid suspicions by some in Washington that elements within the security establishment here were sheltering bin Laden.

Pakistan, facing public anger over what was seen as an unacceptable violation of sovereignty, sent home most U.S. Army trainers in the country and said Thursday that it no longer wanted American financial assistance.

Panetta dined with army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and the head of the country's main spy agency, Lt. Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha, after arriving Friday, said the officials, who did not give their names to discuss the high-level meeting. Panetta's relationship with both men will be key in his new role, presuming he is speedily confirmed as the



Afghan President Hamid Karzai, centre, arrives at Chaklala airport in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Friday, June 10, 2011. Karzai has arrived in Pakistan for talks likely to focus in part on the role the country can play in negotiation with the Taliban to end the war in Afghanistan.

(AP Photo/B.K.Bangash)

next U.S. defense chief.

One of the key items of contention between Pakistan and the U.S.: As an act of faith to restore relations with the Pakistanis, U.S. intelligence shared the suspected location of explosive material held by the al-Qaida-linked Haqqani network at two compounds in the Pakistani tribal areas, according to a Pakistani and a U.S. official. The U.S. official said that after the intelligence was shared, the explosive material was moved. The Pakistani official told The Associated Press that they checked out the locations, but nothing was there, and that they intend to investigate to dispel U.S. suspicions that the Pakistani intelligence service had tipped off the militants. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence operations.

Pakistan must do more to go after militants within its bor-

ders, Panetta said in remarks to the Senate Armed Services Committee for his confirmation hearing. The CIA director said that after the bin Laden raid, the U.S. asked Islamabad to "take a number of concrete steps to demonstrate cooperation and counterterrorism."

One of those steps is the formation of a joint intelligence team to track down militant targets inside Pakistan, drawing in part from the trove of bin Laden records taken from his personal office during the raid. Pakistani officials say the Americans have shared some intelligence from the trove, and the Americans say the Pakistanis are working on providing visas for a small number of U.S. intelligence officers to come to Pakistan to join the team, but both sides complain the effort is moving very slowly.

The U.S. wants that team to pursue a list of five high-val-

ue targets it handed to the Pakistani leadership during another high-level visit to Pakistan by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and chairman of the joint chiefs Adm. Mike Mullen, along with CIA Deputy Director Mike Morell, who met Pasha separately.

The target list included al-Qaida commander Ilyas Kashmiri, who was reportedly hit by a drone strike in the Pakistani tribal areas last Friday. But both sides say that hit was not the direct result of the intelligence

partnership nor data from the material seized from the bin Laden compound. U.S. officials have described Kashmiri as al-Qaida's military operations chief in Pakistan. He was rumored to be a contender to replace bin Laden as the terror network's chief. Pakistan's interior minister said Monday he was "100 percent" certain that the wanted al-Qaida commander was dead after the drone strike in Pakistan's tribal areas. U.S. officials will not confirm his death out of caution because he was reported dead in strikes twice before. □

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China's Mongolian protests have roots in ethnic discontent

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DAMAO BANNER, China

— The Mongol nomads who have ranged across these blustery grasslands for millennia have long had a tempestuous relationship with their Han Chinese neighbors to the south. Genghis Khan's horseback conquerors overran Beijing in 1215, and Qing Dynasty armies returned the favor four centuries later.

By the time Mao's communist rebels declared victory in 1949, the Mongolians who occupied what became the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region of China had been by and large pacified through Han immigration, intermarriage and old-fashioned repression. But the ethnic Mongolian protests that have swept a number of cities in recent weeks are a sobering reminder that neither government largess, assimilation nor an iron fist can entirely extinguish the yearnings of some of China's 55 ethnic minorities, who account for 8 percent of the country's population.

Even as an exemption from the nation's one-child policy granted to minorities helped expand their numbers, Mongolians are still outnumbered by Han five to one in Inner Mongolia, a region twice the size of California that borders the independent nation of Mongolia.

"We feel like we are being drowned by the Han," said a 21-year-old computer science student, speaking through the fence of Hohhot Nationality University, where he and thousands of other Mongolian students were penned up for five days last week to prevent them from taking to the streets. "The government

always talks about ethnic harmony, but why do we feel so oppressed?"

Although the immediate trigger of the demonstrations was a hit-and-run accident in which a Han coal truck driver struck and killed a Mongolian herder in early May, the underlying enmity can be tied to longstanding grievances that spilled out during interviews with more than a dozen Mongolians last week: the ecological destruction wrought by an unprecedented mining boom, a perception that economic

to the streets on May 26. Five days later, about 150 protesters marched through the center of Hohhot, the regional capital, despite the presence of thousands of soldiers and paramilitary police officers who kept college students confined to their campuses.

The government response has hewed closely to the recipe used to quell the far more violent ethnic turmoil that convulsed Tibet in 2008 and the predominantly Muslim region of Xinjiang a year later. Inter-

to address some of the underlying drivers of discontent. They have vowed to correct abuses of the coal industry, among them unregulated strip mining and trucks that career over the fragile steppe. The government has also committed to broader changes, promising hundreds of millions of dollars for education, environmental protection and the promotion of Mongolian culture. And in an unusually prompt trial — apparently a reflection of Chinese leaders' fears of further unrest — a Xilinhot



Huang Liying, a former herder, at her shop in the Xilamuren grasslands outside of Hohhot, China, May 31, 2011. The ethnic Mongolian protests that have swept a number of China's cities in recent weeks are a sobering reminder that neither a government largess nor an assimilation can entirely extinguish the yearnings of some of China's 55 ethnic minorities.

(Sim Chi Yin/The New York Times)

growth disproportionately benefits the Han and the rapid disappearance of Inner Mongolia's pastoral tradition.

In Xilinhot, a mining hub not far from where the herder was killed as he and others tried to block a convoy of coal trucks, as many as 2,000 people, many of them students, took

net access has been severely restricted, with most Mongolian websites shut down, and scores of students, professors and herders have been taken into custody. Enhebatu Togochog, an exiled human rights advocate, has described the crackdown as a "witch hunt." But officials have also sought

court on Wednesday handed down a death sentence to the Han driver convicted of running down Mergen, the Mongolian herdsman. The trial, which lasted six hours, according to the official Xinhua news agency, also yielded stiff sentences for three other men involved in the episode. □

North Korea mandate

EILEEN ALT POWELL

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

— China joined the rest of the U.N. Security Council on Friday in renewing the mandate of a committee of experts monitoring sanctions against North Korea even though Beijing has blocked release of the experts' latest report.

The unanimous Security Council vote came weeks after China held up release of the report. The committee of experts accuses North Korea of violating U.N. sanctions that ban the export and import of ballistic missile and nuclear-related items as well as conventional arms and luxury goods. China's U.N. Ambassador Li Baodong told reporters at the time that Beijing was "still studying that report." China, which has close ties to North Korea, held up the panel's first report in May 2010; it finally was released in November. The Security Council imposed sanctions against North Korea after its first nuclear test in 2006 and stepped up sanctions after its second test in 2009 to try to derail the country's rogue nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs. The council authorized the experts panel in the 2009 resolution and the seven independent members were appointed by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. In renewing their mandate, the Security Council said the experts' work was important because the U.N. needed "credible, fact-based, independent assessments, analysis and recommendations" about North Korea's compliance with the sanctions. □

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Dancing Danes, and no holy water, in 'Napoli'

ALASTAIR MACAULAY
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WASHINGTON — Because the three-act ballet "A Folk Tale" (1854) is governed by the idea of changelings, it has haunting aspects of pathos, nostalgia and perplexity that render it unlike any other ballet. Hilda, a human, and Birthe, a troll, have been swapped as babies.

Growing up not just amid the wrong home but the wrong race, each girl cannot help exhibiting her own differentness. The trolls among whom Hilda grows up are gross, coarse and greedy. Though she is beloved, her beauty, kindness and grace make her both magical and alien. While Birthe's looks are human, her behavior keeps singling her out as "other." She shows uncontrollable flashes of cruelty, exhibitionism, lasciviousness and temper.

Ballet has a handful of surviving French and Russian 19th-century ballets, almost all of which ("Giselle," "Coppelia," "Swan Lake," "The Sleeping Beauty," not to mention the often trashy and tawdry "Don Quixote," "Le Corsaire" and "La Bayadere") are performed too often. Yet it also has a handful of Danish 19th-

century ballets, all devised and choreographed by August Bournonville, that have never been known well enough outside Denmark.

This week the Royal Danish Ballet is performing Bournonville's two most haunting classics at the Kennedy Center here: "A Folk Tale" and

"Napoli."

Both productions have been staged in the last two years by Nikolaj Huebbe, who was for 16 years a beloved star of New York City Ballet before becoming artistic director of the Royal Danish Ballet in 2008. The Danish company, long renowned for the heart-

lifting freshness of its acting and dancing, has been touring a variety of repertory productions around the United States this spring. Since its New York season next week at the David H. Koch Theater consists mostly of other ballets, a number of New York dancers made the pilgrimage

here to see Huebbe's work. He has pulled "A Folk Tale" out of its once-upon-a-time setting into a largely 19th-century era, designed by Mia Stensgaard, which nonetheless makes much of the ballet's fantasy dimension. The Danes' previous production of this ballet, from 1991, was spoiled by wretchedly intrusive and deliberately children's-book designs by the present Danish queen, Margrethe II. Stensgaard's sets and costumes place air and space about the action while keeping it vivid as drama. When the tale begins, it's in black and white.

Then a few pastel colors arrive, and finally the story unfolds with a broad palette. Huebbe's central achievement is important: He rids the ballet of the fey, mock-Tolkien quaintness that marred the previous Danish production and makes it heart-catching again. Though Bournonville regarded this as his most perfect ballet, Huebbe has had the courage to change the most problematic aspect of it for many modern viewers: its reliance on holy water in Act III as the agent that restores the hero, Junker Ove, to life and sanity. □



An undated handout photo of Susanne Grinder as Hilda in "A Folk Tale," in a Royal Danish Ballet production. The Royal Danish Ballet, led by Nikolaj Hubbe, is presenting "A Folk Tale" and "Napoli," by August Bournonville, at the Kennedy Center.

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Rule by rentiers



PAUL KRUGMAN

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The latest economic data have dashed any hope of a quick end to America's job drought, which has already gone on so long that the average unemployed American has been out of work for almost 40 weeks. Yet there is no political will to do anything about the situation. Far from being ready to spend more on job creation, both parties agree that it's time to slash spending – destroying jobs in the process – with the only difference being one of degree.

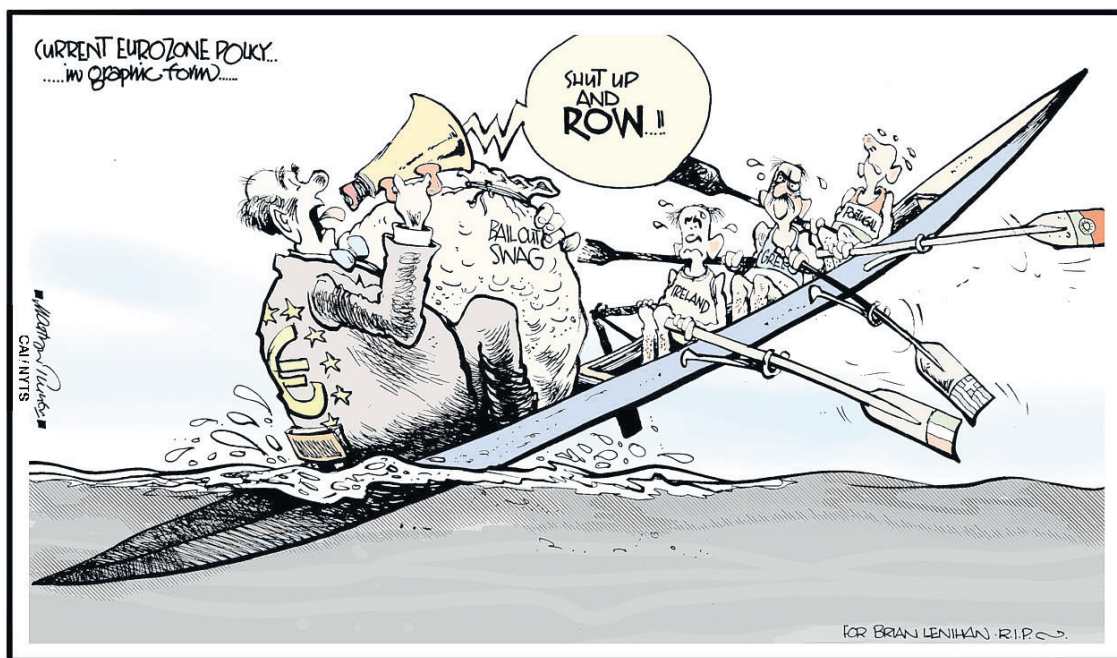
Nor is the Federal Reserve riding to the rescue. On Tuesday, Ben Bernanke, the Fed chairman, acknowledged the grimness of the economic picture but indicated that he will do nothing about it.

And debt relief for homeowners – which could have done a lot to promote overall economic recovery – has simply dropped off the agenda. The existing program for mortgage relief has been a bust, spending only a tiny fraction of the funds allocated, but there seems to be no interest in revamping and restarting the effort. The situation is similar in Europe, but arguably even worse. In particular, the European Central Bank's hard-money, anti-debt-relief rhetoric makes Bernanke sound like William Jennings Bryan. What lies behind this trans-Atlantic policy paralysis? I'm increasingly convinced that it's a response to interest-group pressure. Consciously or not, policymakers are catering almost exclusively to the interests of rentiers – those who derive lots of income from assets, who lent large sums of money in the past, often unwisely, but are now being protected from loss at everyone else's expense. Of course, that's not the way

what I call the Pain Caucus makes its case. Instead, the argument against helping the unemployed is framed in terms of economic risks: Do anything to create jobs and interest rates will soar, runaway inflation will break out, and so on. But these risks keep not materializing. Interest rates remain near historic lows, while inflation outside the price of oil – which is determined by world markets and events, not U.S. policy – remains low.

And against these hypothetical risks one must set the reality of an economy that remains deeply depressed, at great cost both to today's workers and to our nation's future. After all, how can we expect to prosper two decades from now when millions of young graduates are, in effect, being denied the chance to get started on their careers?

Ask for a coherent theory behind the abandonment of the unemployed and you won't get an answer. Instead, members of the Pain Caucus seem to be making it up as they go along, inventing ever-changing rationales for their never-changing policy prescriptions. While the ostensible reasons for inflicting pain keep changing, however, the policy prescriptions of the Pain Caucus all have one thing in common: They protect the interests of creditors, no matter the cost. Deficit spending could put the unemployed to work – but it might hurt the interests of existing bondholders. More aggressive action by the Fed could help boost us out of this slump – in fact, even Republican economists have argued that a bit of inflation might be exactly what the doctor ordered – but deflation, not inflation, serves the interests of creditors. And, of course, there's fierce opposition to anything smacking of debt relief. Who are these creditors I'm talking about? Not hard-working, thrifty small business owners and workers, although it serves the interests of the big players to pretend that it's all about protecting little guys who play by the rules. □



Politicians behaving well



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One reason many politicians behave badly these days is that we spend less time thinking about what it means to behave well. This was less of a problem in past centuries when leaders, teachers and clergy held detailed debates over what it meant to have good character.

In the 18th century, for example, Edmund Burke composed a long, famous passage defining the standards of political excellence:

"... To be taught to respect one's self; to be habituated to the censorial inspection of the public eye; ... to have leisure to read, to reflect, to converse; to be enabled to draw the court and attention of the wise and learned, wherever they are to be found; to be habituated in armies to command and to obey; ... to be led to a guarded and regulated conduct, from a sense that you are considered as an instructor of your fellow citizens in their highest concerns, and that you act as a reconciler between God and

man..."

In the 19th century, Anthony Trollope wrote a series of popular novels fussing over what it means to behave well in political life. Trollope's view was different than ours. Many Americans today assume that people are born with a good Inner Self but get corrupted by politics. American voters are always looking for the Innocent Outsider who can come in and bring sweeping change.

Trollope admired Prudent Insiders, not Innocent Outsiders. His most admirable characters have been educated by long experience. They have grown mature by exercising responsibility. They have been ennobled by custom and civilization. In his books, powerless outsiders often behave self-indulgently and irresponsibly. Those who are in government have to grapple with the world as it really is. The central tension in Trollope's novel "Phineas Finn" is between independence and service. The title character is an Irish outsider who comes into Parliament vowing to be true to his individual conscience. "Let me assure you I wouldn't change my views in politics either for you or for the Earl," Finn tells a party leader early on.

But he enters a Legislature filled with insiders, some of whom are virtuous and some of whom are not. Finn has to either chart his own course or allow himself to be put in harness for the good of the com-

mon effort.

Trollope seems to have a passing admiration for Finn's independence. Finn is a charming, good-natured man. But he is never really tested by power. He grades himself on a curve, never really facing up to his weaknesses. Being an amateur in life, he can afford to be unsteady in his affections and rely on good looks instead of strength of character.

Trollope's ideal politicians – who have names like Plantagenet Palliser, Joshua Monk and the Duke of St. Bungay – put service before independence. Their party and their country have asked them to accept certain duties and face certain problems, and they just get on with it. They are more weighty, but also more boring.

Trollope's ideal politicians share certain traits. They are reserved, prudent and scrupulous. They immerse themselves in dull practical questions like, say, converting the currency system.

They are not sweeping thinkers, but they make sensitive discriminations about the people and the circumstances around them. They learn to operate within the constraints imposed by their idiom, and they don't whine or complain about those constraints. They develop delicate understandings of what is required in a given place in time.

Trollope's ideal leaders are not glamorous celebrities of the sort we have come to long for since JFK. □



Can't a Preakness winner get a little respect?

Shackleford gets a bath, Thursday, June 9, 2011 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y. Shackleford, winner of the Preakness, is entered in Saturday's Belmont Stakes.

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Karlsson grabs 3-stroke lead in Memphis



Robert Karlsson, of Sweden, watches his putt on the 12th hole during the second round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Friday, June 10, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn.

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TERESA M. WALKER

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MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— Robert Karlsson shot a 5-under 65 on Friday to take a three-stroke lead after the second round of the St. Jude Classic.

Karlsson started a stroke behind first-round leader David Mathis and carded six birdies and a bogey to reach 9 under. The Swede, who lost here a year ago in a playoff with Lee Westwood, has played his first six career rounds at TPC Southwind under par with this his lowest score yet.

"It's actually a bonus that I did well here last year," said Karlsson, who is ranked 23rd in the world and has 11 career European Tour titles.

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BRINK OF B-RUIN

Canucks move within one win of Stanley Cup



Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas (30) looks for the puck as it deflects off his arm and into the net for a goal as Bruins' Dennis Seidenberg looks on during Game 5 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals, Friday, June 10, 2011, in Vancouver, B.C. The puck was shot by Vancouver Canucks right wing Maxim Lapierre (40).

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Memphis

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Colt Knost (68) and Keegan Bradley (67) were tied for second. Bradley, the Byron Nelson Championship winner two weeks ago, is among a few who can earn a spot last week in the U.S. Open at Congressional by winning his second tour event since the last Open. John Merrick (69) was 5 under, and Fredrik Jacobson (65) and Harrison Frazar (65) were another stroke back. Brandt Snedeker, The Heritage winner in April, shot a 66 to top the group at 3 under that included Mathis (72). With 83 making the cut at 2 over, David Toms (5 over) and Sergio Garcia (7 over) were among those who made an early departure for Congressional. Karlsson came into Memphis ranked 23rd in the world and looking for his first PGA Tour win in his first full season on tour. He has 11 career European Tour wins but his best finish this year was a tie for fifth



Robert Karlsson, of Sweden, prepares to tee off on the eighth hole during the second round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Friday, June 10, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn. Karlsson ended up with bogey on the hole and ended at 9-under part after the first two days of the tournament.

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at Colonial. That was his first top 10 on the PGA Tour since he tied for second here a year ago. Nobody beat him over 72 holes here in 2010. Starting at 4 under and teeing off on

No. 10, Karlsson birdied his second hole and finished the back side with birdies on three of the final four holes. He hit an 8-iron to 8 feet on the par-3 11th to set up his first birdie.

He saved par on Nos. 12-14 and then hit a wedge from 106 yards to 7 feet to take advantage of a front pin position on the par-4 15th to start his birdie string. "It can be better

to have an 8-iron from the fairway or a 7-iron from the fairway instead of a wedge from the rough," Karlsson said. "The greens are firm, and the rough is really, really brutal to control the golf ball out of. You can hit it. you can hit it really far, very, very far because you can get some vicious flyers." Karlsson found the rough with his tee shot on the par-5 16th but he recovered by hitting a wedge from 124 to 5 feet for a second straight birdie. He stuck a 7-iron from 175 yards to 4 feet on the par-4 18th to reach 8 under. e made the turn and birdied the par-4 first after hitting his second shot within 4 feet of the pin despite being 124 yards out in the primary rough. When Karlsson rolled in a 14-footer on No. 6 for birdie, he became the first player to reach double digits below par at 10 under. Karlsson dropped a shot with his lone bogey of the round and just his second this week when he three-putted from 34 feet on the par-3 eighth. □

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Canucks edge Bruins, move to brink of NHL title

By GREG BEACHAM,
AP Sports Writer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — With a fortunate bounce and a flawless goalie, the Vancouver Canucks are heading back to Boston with the chance to hoist the Stanley Cup for the first time.

Maxim Lapierre scored on a carom off the back boards with 15:25 to play, Roberto Luongo stopped 31 shots in a stirring shutout after getting pulled from his last game, and the Canucks moved to the brink of their first NHL championship with a 1-0 victory over Boston in Game 5 on Friday night, taking a 3-2 series lead.

Luongo posted his fourth shutout of the playoffs and second of the Stanley Cup finals after giving up 12 goals in less than four periods during two blow-out losses in Boston.

Game 6 is Monday night in Boston, and the Stanley Cup will be there.

The Canucks have scored just six goals in five Stanley Cup finals games against brilliant Boston goalie Tim Thomas, yet they're one victory away from winning it all.

Neither team found an offensive flow in a Game 5 nail-biter, but Luongo kept Vancouver in it until Lapierre and defenseman Kevin Bieksa teamed up on a goal that set off a crazy celebration among tens of thousands of fans thronging downtown Vancouver.

Luongo was pulled from Game 4, but coach Alain Vigneault stuck with him for Game 5. The Olympic champion was only occasionally spectacular, but he still narrowly outplayed Thomas, who has received just two goals of support from his teammates in three games in Vancouver.

Thomas made 24 saves in Game 5, but lost his shutout streak of 110 minutes, 42 seconds dating to Game 3. With injured forward Nathan Horton's jersey hanging in the visitors' locker room, the Bruins' power play regressed to its previous postseason struggles, going 0 for 4.

After two scoreless periods of stellar goaltending in

which Boston went scoreless on four power plays, the Canucks finally connected with a supremely heady play by the veteran Bieksa, who used Thomas' aggressive style against him.

Bieksa deliberately put a long shot wide of the goal, and when Thomas instinctively moved to his glove side to play it, the puck ricocheted off the back boards straight to Lapierre, who put it behind Thomas for just his second goal of the postseason.

Lapierre was a late-season acquisition who largely serves as an agitator for the Canucks, not a scorer. He's never managed more than 15 goals in a season, and he had just six this season while playing for Montreal, Anaheim and Vancouver. The Canucks hung on from there, winning their sixth straight home playoff game since May 7.

If Vancouver can't improve on its last trip to Boston, the finals will go to Game 7 in Vancouver on Wednesday night. The home team has won every game in this series, and the Bruins have won their last five at home.

In the last 21 times the finals were even going to Game 5, the winner went on to claim the Cup 15 times — yet Colorado (2001), Tampa Bay (2004) and Pittsburgh (2009) all overcame Game 5 losses to win it in the past decade.

Luongo receives more criti-



Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo is mobbed by teammates after defeating the Boston Bruins of Game 5 of the Stanley Cup hockey finals in Vancouver, British Columbia on Friday, June 10, 2011. Vancouver won the game 1-0 to take a 3-2 lead in the series.

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cism than almost any goalie with his level of accomplishment at hockey's most elite levels, yet he has shown resilience throughout the postseason. He came back from a one-game benching in the first round against Chicago with a 2-1 victory in Game 7, and Vigneault unhesitatingly stuck by Luongo in the finals, ignoring widespread trashing of his \$10 million goalie after Boston's 8-1 and 4-0 home wins.

The Canucks were grateful to return to Rogers Arena, where they eked out two one-goal wins to open the series on late goals by Raffi Torres and Alex Burrows. Vancouver seemed to be in control when the club left Canada last weekend — but then the Bruins seized charge of the series with two inspired performances after Vancouver defenseman Aaron Rome's late hit knocked Horton out for the series with a

concussion early in Game 3. Boston is still having tremendous defensive success in the finals, holding 2010 league MVP Henrik Sedin without a point and limiting NHL scoring champion Daniel Sedin to one goal. Vancouver's power play is 1 for 25 in the finals — yet the Bruins just haven't scored timely road goals to back up Thomas, who allowed one goal in two games in Boston. □

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Can't a Preakness winner get a little respect?

RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Shackleford trainer Dale Romans wonders when his Preakness Stakes winner is going to get a little respect. Joked about by the owner of Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom one day, and dismissed as the third betting choice for the Belmont Stakes another, Shackleford is still considered an underdog for Saturday's final leg of the Triple Crown.

"He's not getting the respect he deserves," Romans said on Thursday at Belmont Park, where horse racing was canceled for the day because of temperatures approaching 100 degrees (38 degrees C). "Let's see what happens after the race."

Shackleford has been getting the cold shoulder for months, having been sent off at odds of 68-1, 23-1 and 12-1 in his last three races.

"Every race he's run in he's been a long shot and he's run well in every one of them," Romans said of Shackleford's starts since a fifth-place finish in the Fountain of Youth on Feb. 26.



Exercise rider Faustino Aguilar takes Shackleford for a gallop, Thursday, June 9, 2011 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y. Shackleford, winner of the Preakness, is entered in Saturday's Belmont Stakes. Associated Press

"And he's improved with every race. There are very few horses that have moved forward the more work they did. A lot stay the same, but he keeps getting better."

After Wednesday's post position draw, when Shackleford landed the outside No. 12 gate, more doubters emerged. "I would not have wanted to be in 1 or 12," Animal Kingdom's

trainer Graham Motion said. "The 12 is right by the grandstand. I'm happy he is in the 12. It will make him work a little bit."

To that, Romans replied: "He'll be the last one in and the first one out. He's fast enough that he'll be able to break and clear everyone anyway."

At 1½ miles (2,400 meters), the Belmont is the longest and most grueling of the Triple

Crown races for 3-year-olds. It's a distance horses have yet to run, and are unlikely to do so again. Pedigree reveals which horses are bred for distance, and that's likely why Animal Kingdom's owner Barry Irwin is ignoring Shackleford — the son of a sire known for producing sprinters.

"I can't see a horse by Forestry going a mile-and-a-half," Irwin said after volunteering

that he wasn't worried about Shackleford.

That's OK with Romans. Pedigree notwithstanding, he's thinking Shackleford will set a moderate pace and then try to hold off his 11 rivals. The plan nearly worked in the Derby, and worked to perfection in the Preakness.

Front-runners have had their moments in the Belmont. The sprinter Bold Forbes won in 1976 by controlling the pace and holding on for dear life in the straight, and more recently it was 38-1 shot Da' Tara leading all the way in 2008 and spoiling Big Brown's Triple Crown bid.

On Saturday, the pressure will be on Shackleford's jockey Jesus Castanon to strike the right balance. "We may have gone too slow in the Derby because it allowed everyone to come home so fast and then we couldn't hang on," Romans said.

"The Preakness was totally different. We went fast and then they struggled a little bit at the end and we still had stamina left to finish." After the Fountain of Youth, even Romans had his doubts about Shackleford's potential. □



Chicago Cubs' Geovany Soto, right celebrates with teammates after he hit a solo home run against the Philadelphia Phillies in the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 9, 2011, in Philadelphia. The Cubs won 4-3.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Geovany Soto hit a game-leveling homer off Ryan Madson with one out in the ninth inning and Tyler Colvin scored from second base on a throwing error in the 11th as the Chicago Cubs edged the Philadelphia Phillies 4-3 in a

game that ended early Friday. Colvin's go-ahead homer in the ninth was overturned by umpires after replays showed a fan wearing a Phillies T-shirt reached over the fence and interfered with the ball.

But the Cubs still won their second straight after losing

NL Roundup

Cubs rally in ninth, beat Phillies

eight in a row.

Strong wind and heavy rain stopped the game for 1 hour, 17 minutes in the bottom of the third. Neither starter returned when play resumed, and the teams used 12 relievers.

Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins hit a three-run homer in the second.

Braves 3, Marlins 2

At Miami, Jair Jurrjens threw seven solid innings and drove in a run as Atlanta handed Florida its eighth straight loss. Alex Gonzalez also drove in a run with a double to help the Braves complete a three-game sweep at Sun Life Stadium for the first time since May 2-4, 1995. The Marlins' eight-game losing streak is their longest skid since also dropping eight in a row Aug. 15-22, 2007.

Mike Stanton homered off

Jurrjens in the seventh.

Diamondbacks 2, Pirates 0

At Pittsburgh, Chris Young hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and four Arizona pitchers combined for a five-hit shutout as the Diamondbacks beat Pittsburgh to snap a three-game losing streak.

Young pulled a 2-0 pitch from Chris Resop (2-2) down the left-field line just inside the foul pole for his 12th homer of the season. Reliever Micah Owings (2-0) legged out a one-out infield single before Young's hit.

Arizona rookie starter Josh Collmenter pitched five-plus innings. Joe Patterson, Owings and David Hernandez finished up the Diamondbacks' sixth shutout of the season.

Mets 4, Brewers 1

At Milwaukee, Jonathon

Niese pitched effectively into the eighth as New York beat Milwaukee to take two of three games against the best home team in the majors.

Niese (5-5) retired the first 11 hitters and allowed only an RBI double to Prince Fielder in the fourth and singles in the seventh and eighth. Niese matched a career high with eight strikeouts.

Francisco Rodriguez got the final four outs for his 18th save.

In other NL games it was Arizona 2, Pittsburgh 0; Chicago Cubs 4, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings; Atlanta 3, Florida 2; St. Louis 9, Houston 2; N.Y. Mets 4, Milwaukee 1; Colorado 9, L.A. Dodgers 7; San Diego 7, Washington 3; and Cincinnati 3, San Francisco 0. □

Ortiz breaks loose after being hit, Red Sox win

AL Roundup

NEW YORK (AP) — David Ortiz started and finished a seven-run burst in the seventh inning that led the Boston Red Sox over the New York Yankees 8-3 in a rain-delayed game that ended at early Friday.

After a wait of almost 3 1/2 hours, Josh Beckett (5-2) outpitched CC Sabathia (7-4) for the third time this season. Boston outscored New York 25-13 in its second three-game sweep at Yankee Stadium in a month.

Only a few thousand fans were left when Boston wrapped up its sixth win in a row overall and beat the Yankees for the seventh straight time. The Red Sox are 8-1 against their longtime rivals this year.

A storm that brought lightning bolts over the Bronx delayed the start for 3 hours, 27 minutes.

Hit in the right thigh by Sabathia's fastball in the fourth inning, Ortiz got more than even a little later. The Red Sox trailed 2-0 when he singled off Sabathia to start the seventh, and Ortiz's two-run double off David Robertson

capped the big rally.

Curtis Granderson hit a two-run homer, his 18th, for New York in the first inning.

New York's Derek Jeter singled for his 2,990th career hit.

Tigers 4, Mariners 1

At Detroit, Alex Avila tripled twice and Justin Verlander pitched eight strong innings as Detroit downed Seattle.

Verlander (7-3) struck out a season-best 10 while allowing one run on five hits.

He's 5-0 in his last seven starts with a 2.14 ERA. Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for his 16th save in 16 tries.

Seattle starter Doug Fister (3-7) dropped to 1-4 since May 1, giving up four runs on seven hits and two walks in eight innings. He's 1-12 in 19 career starts against AL Central teams.

Detroit had a four-run fifth. Jhonny Peralta singled and scored on Avila's second triple.

With two out, Don Kelly's single made it 2-1, and Brennan Boesch followed with his eighth homer of the season.

Twins 5, Rangers 4

At Minneapolis, Alexi Casilla

hit a single to left field to drive in the winning run with two outs in the ninth for Minnesota on a windy, chilly night at Target Field.

Luke Hughes led off the ninth with a double off Mark Lowe (1-0) that a fan picked up before the Rangers could play it. They complained, to no avail.

Rangers starter Derek Holland gave up a solo shot in the second inning to Delmon Young and a three-run homer to Michael Cuddyer in the fifth.

Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz hit long homers for Texas.

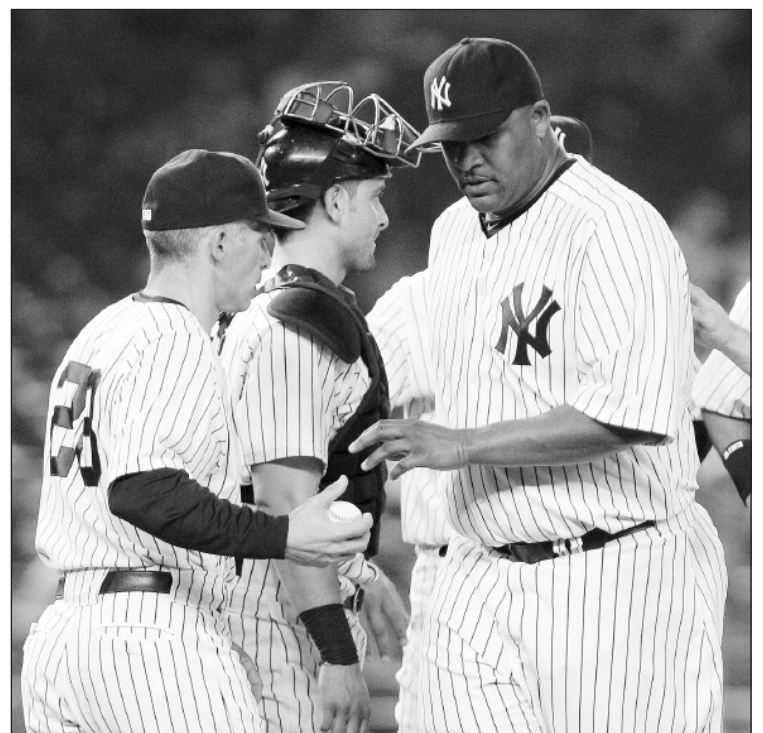
White Sox 9, Athletics 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Adam Dunn and Paul Konerko hit two-run homers and Chicago spoiled Oakland interim manager Bob Melvin's debut, handing the Athletics their 10th straight loss.

Melvin replaced Bob Geren earlier in the day.

Mark Buehrle (6-4) threw seven strong innings and improved to 5-1 with a 3.00 ERA in his last seven starts. He allowed seven hits and three runs.

Trevor Cahill (6-4) lasted just



Boston Red Sox's Mike Cameron hits an RBI double during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees early Friday, June 10, 2011, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

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2 2-3 innings, his shortest outing of the season.

Royals 3, Blue Jays 2

At Kansas City, Missouri, Jeff Francoeur drove in two runs to help Luke Hochevar win for the first time in seven starts as Kansas City survived Joakim Soria's shaky ninth to beat Toronto.

Soria, reclaiming the closer role he lost May 30 after back-to-back blown saves, loaded the bases in the ninth

but got his eighth save in 13 opportunities.

Hochevar (4-6) allowed two runs in the fourth but nothing else in seven innings. Ricky Romero (5-6) pitched an eight-inning complete game for Toronto.

In other AL games it was Kansas City 3, Toronto 2; Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 3; Detroit 4, Seattle 1; Chicago White Sox 9, Oakland 4; and Minnesota 5, Texas 4. □

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Cholera in Haiti surges in areas hit by storm

TRENTON DANIEL
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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The number of cholera cases is rising in parts of Haiti hit by heavy rains early this week.

Alain Legarnec, mission chief for the French aid group Doctors of the World, said Friday that a clinic in the southwestern town of Jeremie treated 77 people for cholera in recent days. That's a fivefold increase from last week and was most likely caused by rising

er, a company of forecasters based in State College, Pennsylvania. The mountains in Haiti could have received double that amount of rainfall, Smerbeck added.

The showers contributed to widespread flooding and mudslides. The death toll in Haiti was put at 28, Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste, director of Haiti's Civil Protection Department, told AP Friday. But that number could rise as families search for missing loved ones. Jean-Baptiste said six people

Since then, the number of cholera cases in Carrefour has dwindled but flared up elsewhere in the Port-au-Prince area, according to Sylvain Groulx, Haiti's chief of mission for Doctors Without Borders.

"In Port-au-Prince, what we're seeing is the outbreak is ongoing and spreading," Groulx said. "Whenever there's a rainy season ... it often has consequences on these epidemics."

The first two days of this



Former WNBA basketball player Nykesha Sales, from U.S., center, plays with children at Athletique Club sport center in Port-au-prince, Haiti, Friday June 10, 2011. Nykesha Sales is on a one-week visit to offer a basketball clinic for children. The number of cholera cases is rising in parts of Haiti hit by heavy rains early this week.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

river levels, he said.

Haiti and its Caribbean neighbors were hit by a deadly storm on Monday that flooded towns and destroyed houses. The Haitian capital and southern part of the country were especially hard hit.

The storm system dumped up to 7 inches of rain in Port-au-Prince since May 30, according to Bob Smerbeck, a senior meteorologist for AccuWeath-

are still missing. The storm came only a few days after international aid group Oxfam said its staff saw a spike in the number of cases in Carrefour, a densely populated area west of downtown Port-au-Prince. Oxfam said its aid workers were treating more than 300 new cases a day, which was more than three times what they saw back when the disease peaked in the fall.

week, two Doctors Without Border clinics treated 444 cases in Port-au-Prince.

The week before, the aid group treated more than 2,500 patients in the capital, compared to the lowest number of cases in one week — 302 cases, in April. Doctors Without Borders treated 4,645 people in one week at the height of the epidemic in November. □

5 in U.S. linked to German E. coli outbreak

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AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Health officials say the count of U.S. cases linked to the food poisoning outbreak in Europe has grown to five.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday added a case to the count. Unlike the previous four, the new case was not someone who had been to Germany — it was a family member who apparently was infected

from close contact with one of the travelers.

One case has been confirmed as the same form of E. coli, and the other four are still suspected. They include people in Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Michigan. None died.

European officials say sprouts from a farm in northern Germany caused the outbreak that has killed 31 people, sickened nearly 3,100 and prompted much of Europe to shun vegetables. □

Govt. adds formaldehyde, 7 others to carcinogens list

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WASHINGTON — The government issued warnings Friday about two materials used daily by millions of Americans, saying that one causes cancer and the other might.

Government scientists listed formaldehyde as a carcinogen and said it is found in worrisome quantities in plywood, particle board, mortuaries and hair salons. They also said that styrene, which is used in boats, bathtubs and Styrofoam, may cause cancer but is generally found in such low levels in consumer products whose risks are low.

Frequent and intense exposures in manufacturing plants are far more worrisome than the intermittent contact that most consumers have, but government scientists said that consumers should still avoid contact with formaldehyde and styrene along with six other chemicals that were added Friday to the government's official Report on Carcinogens. Its release was delayed for years because of intense lobbying from the chemical industry, which disputed its findings.

John Bucher, associate director of the National Toxicology Program, which produced the report, said that the evidence of formaldehyde's carcinogenicity was far stronger than for styrene and that consumers were more likely to be exposed to potentially dangerous quantities of formaldehyde.

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration warned in April that a hair-care product, Brazilian Blowout Acai Professional Smoothing Solution, contained unacceptable levels of formaldehyde, and salon workers have reported headaches, nosebleeds, burning eyes, vomiting and asthma attacks after using the product and other hair-straighteners.

Studies of workers like embalmers exposed to high levels of formaldehyde have found increased incidences of myeloid leukemia and rare cancers of the nasal passages and upper mouth. Dr. Otis Brawley, chief medical officer at the American Cancer Society, said that formaldehyde is both worrisome and inescapable.

"It's the smell in new houses, and it's in cosmetics like nail polish," he said. "All a reasonable person can do is manage their exposure and decrease it to as little as possible. It's everywhere."

Consumers can reduce their exposure to formaldehyde by avoiding pressed-wood products or buying only those that are labeled as ULEF (ultra-low-emitting formaldehyde), NAF (no-added formaldehyde) or CARB (California Air Resources Board) Phase 1 or Phase 2 compliant.

Styrene is mostly a concern for workers who build boats, car parts, bathtubs and shower stalls. Studies of workers exposed to high levels of styrene have found increased risks of leukemia and lymphoma and genetic damage to white blood cells. There is also some evidence that styrene increases the risks of cancer of the pancreas and esophagus among styrene workers, the report found. Consumers can be exposed to styrene from the fumes of building materials, photocopiers and tobacco smoke. As for styrene's presence in Styrofoam and other consumer products, Brawley likened the risk from such products to that of coffee and cellphones — uncertain and slight.

An industry spokesman said the action will hurt small businesses.

"It will unfairly scare workers, plant neighbors and could have a chilling effect on the development of new products," said Tom Dobbins of the American Composites Manufacturers Association. "And our companies are primarily small businesses, and this could hurt jobs and local economies."

Cal Dooley, president and chief executive of the American Chemistry Council, a trade association that represents companies that make and use polystyrene and formaldehyde, rejected the report's conclusions. □

Latest data breach strikes at financial security

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NEW YORK (AP) —

Citigroup's disclosure that the names, account numbers and email addresses of 200,000 of its credit card customers were stolen strikes at the core of modern-day financial life — the ways people buy groceries and pay the power bill.

It's only the latest major data breach. In just the past three months, hackers have penetrated 100 million Sony PlayStation accounts, the networks of Lockheed Martin and the customer email databases of a company that does marketing for Best Buy and Target stores.

But half of all Americans, 154 million people, have a credit card. The Citi attack is a reminder that the technology used to protect their information was built by humans, security analyst Jacob Jegher notes — and it can be breached by humans, too.

"People rely on the safety net

of a bank to take care of their information," says Jegher, a senior analyst at Celent, a research firm that focuses on information technology in the financial industry. "Unfortunately, that net has a lot of holes."

Citi says all of the customers whose information was stolen will receive a notification letter, and most of them will get a new card, although it has declined to say exactly how many. The bank says its enforcement division and authorities are investigating.

The victims will have to endure the hassle of updating the credit card numbers on any number of online accounts, but they probably won't lose any money. For one thing, federal laws protect credit card customers from fraud beyond \$50, and in most cases, the bank that issues the card will cover up to that amount.

And the Citi hackers didn't get to the three-digit numbers that appear on the backs of

credit cards, a security feature known as the CVV code. That means the hackers, or whoever they might sell the information to, would have trouble making direct charges.

The danger is that someone might use the information that was compromised to mount a sophisticated "phishing" attack, in which criminals send out convincingly designed emails pretending to be from the bank and gain access to account information.

The relatively small number of accounts taken from Citi, which has 21 million credit card customers in North America, suggests the hackers used spyware that captured the data of customers who logged in to its website to conduct online banking, one expert says. "The thing in the Citi case which is good is they detected it quickly and shut it down," says Dave Jevans, chairman of security firm IronKey Inc. and chairman of an anti-phishing nonprofit group made up of



In this April; 30, 2009 file photo, a sign for Citibank is shown at Citigroup headquarters in New York. For the 200,000 people with Citigroup credit cards who had their names, account numbers and email addresses stolen by hackers, the breach is mostly a nuisance.

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2,000 government agencies and companies, including Citi. "They've got systems that are going to look at the data leaving the network and are able to see that somebody's sending information out," he adds. Banks are ahead of most other industries in this regard, he explains, and other businesses will have to catch up.

CVV codes can't be stored with a simple magnetic swipe

of a credit card, and the businesses that process payments are not allowed to store the codes after a transaction, so they provide another defense against fraud.

Deloitte, the audit and consulting firm, said in a report last year that security threats to customer accounts and other information were on the rise. The good news: Companies are taking notice. □

Spain nabs 3 suspected of global cyber attacks

DANIEL WOOLLS

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) —

Spanish police have arrested three suspected computer hackers who allegedly belonged to a loose-knit international activist group that attacked corporate and government websites around the world, authorities said Friday. National Police identified the three as leaders of the Spanish section of a group that calls itself "Anonymous." All three are Spaniards aged 30 to 32, said Manuel Vazquez, chief of the police's high-tech crime unit. A computer server in one of their homes was used to take part in cyber attacks on targets including two major Spanish banks, the Italian energy company Enel and the governments of Egypt, Algeria, Libya, Iran, Chile, Colombia and New Zealand, Vazquez said. The server had also been



In this May 15, 2011 file photo people wearing masks often used by a group that calls itself "Anonymous" take part in a rally in Madrid.

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used to hack into an online Playstation store, but Vazquez said the three detainees had not been involved in an April cyber intrusion which affected millions of PlayStation Network users.

The three detainees have been released without bail but face a charge that is new in the Spanish penal code — disrupting a computer system, Vazquez

said. He gave no details on what effect these attacks had. In Spain, acting on their own, the three detainees staged cyber attacks on the website of Spain's central electoral commission a few days before local and regional elections on May 22, that of the regional police force in the northeast Catalonia region and a major Spanish labor union. □

Tests show wireless network could jam GPS systems

By JOELLE TESSLER

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WASHINGTON — New government test results show that a proposed high-speed wireless broadband network being launched by a company called LightSquared could jam GPS systems used for aviation, public safety, military operations and other uses. The results released this week by a federal working group come amid mounting concern that LightSquared's planned network could cripple GPS systems embedded throughout the nation's infrastructure. And they raise questions about whether the government will allow LightSquared to turn its network on as scheduled next year.

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"LightSquared's network could cause devastating interference to all different kinds of GPS receivers," said Jim Kirkland, vice president and general counsel of Trimble Navigation Ltd., which makes GPS systems.

Faced with these concerns, the FCC has made clear that LightSquared cannot launch its network until the interference problems are resolved. It is requiring the company to participate in a technical working group with GPS manufacturers and users to study the matter. That group conducted GPS interference tests using LightSquared

equipment in Las Vegas last month and will report the results to the FCC next week.

The agency will then seek public comments on the matter. In a statement Friday, the FCC said it "will not allow LightSquared's commercial service to proceed if that would cause widespread harmful interference with GPS."

In the meantime, other test results are coming out.

Results compiled by a working group of the National Executive Committee for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing — a government organization that advises and coordinates among federal agencies that rely on GPS technology — found potential for widespread GPS interference. The tests showed that wireless signals from LightSquared's planned network interfered with GPS receivers used by the Coast Guard and NASA and caused Federal Aviation Administration GPS receivers to stop functioning altogether. The tests — most of which were conducted by various federal agencies at Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico in April — also caused GPS receivers used by New Mexico state police and

by fire and ambulance crews to lose reception. In addition, GPS receivers built into farm equipment made by John Deere lost signals, as did most General Motors' OnStar navigation systems.

Last week RTCA, a nonprofit group that advises the FAA, released the results of its own interference tests and found that LightSquared's use of airwaves closest to the GPS spectrum would cause a "complete loss of GPS receiver function" over large metropolitan areas.

Despite the test results released so far, the FCC insists the interference questions are far from settled. "Some of the tests to date may have relied on different assumptions, metrics and mitigation assumptions, and so may not accurately reflect the potential for interference as a result of how the network may be operated," the agency said.

LightSquared executive vice president Jeffrey Carlisle said he remains confident that the company's new network and GPS systems can co-exist. After all, he noted, findings of interference do not come as a surprise. What matters, he said, is what can be done about the interference. □

Ford Motor Co. to lay off 150



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BUFFALO, New York (AP) — Ford Motor Co. will lay off 150 people from its Buffalo Stamping Plant in September because of the planned closing of one of two Canadian assembly plants it supplies. The layoffs were disclosed Thursday in a notice to the New York Labor Department. They will take effect Sept. 5. The plant currently has 650 hourly workers.

Ford announced in November 2009 it would shut down its St. Thomas Assembly plant near London, Ontario, because of

a drop in demand for larger vehicles. The plant makes the Crown Victoria, Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car. The Buffalo plant will continue to supply Ford's Oakville, Ontario, assembly plant, which makes the Ford Edge and Ford Flex and Lincoln MKX and MKT.

Laid-off workers could be recalled if the Buffalo plant lands more work, the company said. Employment there was more than 1,800 in 2002. Ford was the world's fifth largest automaker in 2010, behind Toyota Motor Corp., General Motors Co., Volk-

swagen AG and Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group.

Meanwhile, General Motors' Tonawanda Powertrain plant near Buffalo is planning an open house for the public for next Friday, spokeswoman Mary Ann Brown said, as the plant gears up for two new, previously announced engine lines representing a combined investment of \$825 million. The Tonawanda plant, which 20 years ago employed 4,350 people, currently has about 625 workers.

After Japan's earthquake, 59 Tonawanda GM employees were laid off when a Shreveport, Louisiana, assembly plant it supplies was temporarily shut down because of a shortage of parts from Japan. Brown said all returned to work after a week.

GM said in April it would invest \$100 million and add 30 jobs at the company's auto parts plant in nearby Rochester. The company also recently took back auto parts supplier Delphi Corp.'s Lockport and Rochester manufacturing facilities. □

Pandora raises IPO offering price range

NEW YORK (AP) — Pandora raised the price range of its initial public offering Friday by at least a third and boosted the number of shares to be sold by as many as a million, demonstrating again a seemingly insatiable demand from investors for a stake in a new slate of Internet companies.

The popular online radio service may raise as much as \$176.3 million with the new offer.

Proceeds for Pandora Media Inc. could reach about \$72 million if the shares price at \$12. Selling stockholders would get up to \$104.2 million.

Pandora raised the price range for the shares to between \$10 and \$12, up from the initial \$7 and \$9 it was seeking. Pandora and the selling stockholders are also now offering up to 14.7 million shares, up from 13.7 million earlier.

The IPO from Pandora, based in Oakland, California, comes amid a sizzling market for the latest generation of Internet companies. These include daily deals site Groupon Inc., which has filed to go public and professional networking service LinkedIn Corp., which has already completed its IPO.

Shares of LinkedIn, issued at \$45 in mid-May, soared above \$100 before noon on the day they hit the market and closed at \$94.25 on a trading volume of 30 million shares. Shares are now trading above \$72.

Pandora got its start in 2000 as a music recommendation service, then known as Savage Beast Technologies. It changed its name in 2005 when it launched an Internet radio service that lets people stream music over the Web. Users can create custom stations based on songs, genres or artists. □

U.S. budget deficit moves closer to \$1 trillion mark

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The federal budget deficit is on pace to break the \$1 trillion mark for a third straight year. Record deficits are putting pressure on Congress and the Obama administration to come up with a plan to rein in government spending.

Already, the deficit through the first eight months of this budget year is \$927.4 billion, according to the latest report from the Treasury Department released Friday.

Three years ago that would have ranked as the highest ever for a full year. Instead, this year's deficit will likely exceed last year's \$1.29 trillion imbalance and nearly match the \$1.41 trillion record reached in 2009. The budget year ends on Sept. 30.

For May, the monthly deficit was \$57.6 billion. That compared to \$135.9 billion deficit for the same month last year. But much of that improvement came from a \$45 billion write down in the estimated cost of the financial bailout program. The latest Treasury report does show that more people are working and paying taxes this budget year, a positive sign. Government revenues have totaled \$1.48 trillion for the eight months ended in May, a 10.3 percent increase over the same stretch in the

previous budget year.

Still, government outlays totaled \$2.41 trillion through May. And one of the fastest growing parts of the budget is the interest on the national debt. That rose 13.6 percent to total \$165.3 billion.

The government is at risk of defaulting on those debt payments. That would likely happen if Congress fails to raise the nation's \$14.3 trillion borrowing limit by early August. A default on the debt would rattle markets and send interest rates soaring, making mortgages and other consumer loans more expensive.

The increase in the debt limit is being held up by Republicans, who want President Barack Obama and Democrats to first agree to deep spending cuts equal in size.

A Washington Post-ABC News poll showed that a large majority of Americans believe the country could suffer serious harm if Congress fails to broaden the government's borrowing authority. But barely half of those polled said they support such an increase. The White House and Democrats want to trim the deficit through spending cuts and also by ending tax cuts for the wealthy, which were first passed when President George W. Bush was in office and later extended by Obama. Republicans reject that

approach, saying it amounts to a tax increase. Their plan would focus exclusively on cutting spending. They have also proposed further tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

The government had a surplus of \$127 billion in 2001, the year President Bush took office. It was projected to run surpluses totaling \$5.6 trillion over the next decade.

But by 2002, the country was back in the red. The deficits grew after Bush won approval for broad tax cuts, pushed a major drug benefit program for seniors — which wasn't offset with revenue to pay for it — and the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan were launched.

In 2008, Bush's last full year in office, the deficit had grown to \$454.8 billion, a record at the time. And when the economy soured, it jumped into the \$1 trillion-plus range. □



Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee walks on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, June 9, 2011, to a meeting on the debt ceiling.

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U.S., Africans debate future of trade program

By LEWIS MWANANGOMBE

Associated Press

LUSAKA, Zambia — African leaders must meet demands for better governance and take other steps if they want a program that allows thousands of products to enter the United States duty-free to continue, U.S. officials and Zambia's president said Friday.

Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, known as AGOA, 37 countries that meet good government and business practice requirements can export thousands of products to the United States duty-free. Washington credits AGOA, which started in 2000 under former President Bill Clinton, with helping increase U.S.-Africa trade.

U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk said that while President Barack Obama wants to continue AGOA when it expires in 2015, "simply seeking to extend AGOA is not enough ... why should we renew a program that is being underutilized?"

Zambian President Rupiah Banda said if Africans want to make better use of the program, they should "strengthen and entrench sound democratic practices and uphold good governance." □



In this June 8, 2011 file photo, Saud Arabia's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Ali Ibrahim Naimi talks to journalists before the start of the meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at its headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

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AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Saudi Arabia is still the boss when it comes to oil.

The world's biggest oil exporter plans to increase production to 10 million barrels per day, the highest level in 30 years, according to a Saudi Arabian newspaper. Analysts see this as a bold step by the Saudis to reassert their dominance over OPEC after the 12-member group this week

Saudi Arabia production boost sends oil lower

denied its request to increase production.

"They're reminding everyone who the sheriff is in town," independent analyst Jim Ritterbusch said.

Oil prices sank 2.6 percent Friday. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for July delivery lost \$2.64 to settle at \$99.29 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That erased most of the gains that followed OPEC's meeting on Wednesday.

If Saudi Arabia follows through, the country will increase production 13 percent from May. This will add another 1.14 million barrels per day to the market, helping to close a shortfall in supply. OPEC says world demand will exceed supply by 1.45 million barrels per day in the third quarter. The U.S. Energy Information Administration puts the shortfall at 1.81 million barrels per day.

The last time Saudi Arabia produced that much oil was August 1981, according to the Energy Information Administration.

The Saudis have maintained

that oil prices are too high, even after a recent decline. At the end of April, oil was up 25 percent for the year and U.S. gasoline prices were up 28 percent, near an average of \$4 per gallon. Americans have cut back on driving to compensate, according to industry surveys.

But gas is still up 21 percent since January, at \$3.72, and experts warn that the economy will struggle to grow as long as consumers are paying high pump prices.

More than anything, Saudi Arabia wants to avoid another price crash like the nearly 70 percent plunge that occurred in the second half of 2008. Back then, demand fell off a cliff when oil rose to nearly \$150 per barrel. This week, Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi pushed for higher production among OPEC members. But Iran and several other countries disagreed, delivering Saudi Arabia a very public rebuke.

Friday's report in al-Hayat newspaper gave investors a glimpse at how the Saudis will respond. □

Weird Al continues 3 decades of mockery with newest album

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ENGLEWOOD, N.J.

When your strangeness is the first thing you want people to know about yourself, as Weird Al Yankovic has advertised in his stage name for more than 30 years, you should expect strange things to happen at your concerts.

When you play here at the Bergen Performing Arts Center, as Yankovic, the accordion-wielding pop-music parodist, did on a Saturday in May, you should take it in stride when a grown-up female admirer asks you afterward to sign her pink stuffed-toy poodle, then bursts into tears when you grant her request.

When you want to end with a set of "Star Wars"-themed songs, you can expect that a battalion of local fans will join you onstage in Darth Vader and Storm Trooper costumes, asking for no more compensation than your handshake and a slice of pizza.

And when your computer servers crash midway through your show, just as you and your band are about to play your sendup of the treacly James Blunt love ballad "You're Beautiful" (which you, of course, call "You're Pitiful"), you'd better have a cover of "Radio Radio" by Elvis Costello and the Attractions ready to go in its place.

Following a concert in which he had dressed as various characters, including a long-bearded rapper (for "Amish Paradise," his take on the Coolio song "Gangsta's Paradise") and a giant peacock (for "Perform This Way," his notorious parody of Lady Gaga's "Born This Way"), Yankovic said his straight-faced cover of "Radio Radio" was an improvised solution to a technical glitch.

"It's my old DJ training," explained Yankovic, who is about to put out his first new album in five years. "I panic when things are dead on-stage."

But that ad hoc moment neatly illustrated how Yankovic, at 51, has carved out a career in the ephemeral field of novelty music by preparing for the unpredictable undulations of the zeitgeist. Even when things

don't go quite as expected, Yankovic said, he can rely on the "pop-culture Cuisinart" that is his overstimulated, media-saturated brain.

"I just feed it as much input as possible," he added, "and mix it all up and see what comes out."

On June 21 Yankovic will release "Alpocalypse" (Volcano Entertainment/Jive Records) his 13th full-length studio album and his first since "Straight Outta Lynwood" in 2006. In that time he has continued to tour relentlessly, on the strength of musical pastiches and original numbers

director, said with awe that Yankovic was "a real artist," adding, "Even if he wasn't Weird Al Yankovic, he would still be a brilliant performer and musician."

Over the past five years, or even the past 15, Yankovic, who lives in Los Angeles, hardly seems to have aged much.

He is married and has an 8-year-old daughter, but in conversation in his austere dressing room, he came across as a gangly, giggly guy with a flowing mop of curly brown hair and a cultural appetite that is all over the menu.

tention, largely because of Yankovic's public and uncharacteristically pointed response when he was first told by Lady Gaga's representatives that they would not give him permission to include it on "Alpocalypse."

In a post published April 20 on his personal blog, Yankovic recounted his lengthy back-and-forth with Lady Gaga's management over "Perform This Way," in which he mocks that protean pop star for her outrageous couture. (Sample lyrics: "I strap prime rib to my feet/Cover myself with raw meat/I'll bet you've never



Weird Al Yankovic, the pop-music parodist, performs as Kurt Cobain at Bergen Performing Arts Center, in Englewood, N.J., May 21, 2011. Yankovic is scheduled to release his new album, "Alpocalypse," his 13th full-length album and his first in five years, on June 21.

(Chad Batka/The New York Times)

that have sold him millions of records, won him three Grammy awards and earned him a fan base of college-age ironists and middle-age parents and their children.

Though his act has not changed much over that period, rich in references to low-culture detritus and proud of its nerdiness, his bona fides remain strong, particularly among entertainers who have embraced their own geek status.

Andy Samberg, the "Saturday Night Live" star and member of the humorous pop group the Lonely Island, said of Yankovic: "In the genre of comedy music, he is the end all, be all." Brett Ratner, the filmmaker and music-video

"I like having gangsta rap and zydeco on the same album," he said. "It works for me."

Reflecting that eclectic sensibility, "Alpocalypse" is a grab bag of musical lampoons, parodying Miley Cyrus (whose "Party in the USA" becomes "Party in the CIA"), the White Stripes (whose blues-rock style is cribbed for a Charles Nelson Reilly tribute called "CNR") and T.I. (though in Yankovic's economy-minded version of that rapper's "Whatever You Like," he offers his sweetheart "dinner wherever you please/Like Burger King or Mickey D's").

It is the album's leadoff single, "Perform This Way," that has already garnered the most at-

seen a skirt steak worn this way.")

After submitting a short description of the song's conceit to team Gaga for its approval, Yankovic was told he needed to send his complete parody lyrics, which he hurriedly wrote during an Australian tour; he then cut short a family vacation to produce the song when he was told to supply a finished track.

When his efforts resulted in rejection, Yankovic was evidently, if entertainingly, peeved. "It's not like there were any surprises in the finished song that she couldn't have foreseen by, you know, READING THE LYRICS," he wrote on his blog. □

Lohan burglary

was not coerced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge on Friday rejected a motion by a woman charged with burglarizing Lindsay Lohan's house that her statement to police was coerced and should be thrown out.

Howard Levy, an attorney for Diana Tamayo, has argued at several hearings that police should have given his client a Miranda warning that she had a right to remain silent, despite Levy's presence for the videotaped interview days after her arrest in October 2009. Superior Court Judge Larry Fidler disagreed and also rejected Levy's claims that Tamayo admitted a role in the break-in at Lohan's house because she and her family were threatened with deportation. Detectives denied the accusation and the judge said it did not seem credible, given the demeanor of Tamayo and Levy during the interview.

Tamayo, 21, is one of five people facing felony residential burglary charges for a series of burglaries at celebrities' homes, including Lohan, Paris Hilton and Orlando Bloom. The stars lost an estimated \$2 million in jewelry, high-end clothes, art and other items, much of which has never been recovered.

All have pleaded not guilty and are due back in court on Aug. 5 for a pretrial hearing. An attorney for one of the group's alleged masterminds, Rachel Lee, said he would ask a judge to order a separate trial if a plea agreement couldn't be reached.

Tamayo's interview came after her then-attorney worked out a deal between police and immigration authorities to have her released. Los Angeles police officer Brett Goodkin testified at a hearing held last year that Levy had promised she would speak to detectives about the burglaries.

The officer said Tamayo reneged after being taken to a Hollywood police station, but opted to talk after Goodkin said she would be returned to an immigration lockup.

After admitting her role in the Lohan burglary, police re-booked her and she was released on bail. □

Bono and the Edge at work on Spider-Man

JON PARELES

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NEW YORK – Shortly before midnight on a rainy Thursday, Bono was headed to work, bearing plastic bags of takeout food from Esca up to a Manhattan studio on a nearly deserted West 48th Street. “Rise Above 1,” the first single from the cast album of “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark,” was due for release in less than a week; it wasn’t finished.

Nor were the rest of the songs for the album, which arrives Tuesday. That’s also the official opening night of the musical, with its songs by Bono and the Edge from U2. Its long, torturous run of Broadway previews has been – as a self-conscious new song lyric puts it – “a \$65 million circus tragedy.” In separate interviews Bono and the Edge described the experience the same way: “humbling.”

But Bono was in a buoyant mood at the studio.

“Spider-Man” is now in what its principals call Version 2.0, with an extensively revised, far less metaphysical plot line and some new musical material that Bono and the Edge raced to create during three weeks of closed rehearsals and frantic changes in April and early May.

Along with cuts, there are new lyrics to reflect script changes, reworked melodies and arrangements and a new

song.

There is also, significantly, a different sound system. Julie Taymor, the original director, made the loudspeakers accommodate the scenery.

“Her eyes are very hungry,” Bono said. “We also got carried away with this and so didn’t object when the PA was

jetting between commitments and checking in on “Spider-Man” long after they had expected to move on.

“There was so much cultural whiplash going on, between the U2 tour and trying to fix the show, that at times it was quite mad,” the Edge said.

By the time the songwriters

fidelity, but it wasn’t being mixed.

It was at that moment we started, Edge and myself, going, “This is called a musical, isn’t it?”

But after a recent Thursday night performance, Bono said that for the first time he had not left the theater dejected.

Lazarus.”

The cast album is essential to the survival of “Spider-Man,” not just as a souvenir but also as a selling point.

“If they aren’t humming the tunes when they come into the theater, they won’t be humming them as they leave,” Bono said. “And in case they really hate this thing, it’s nice that they actually realize there’s music there instead of fixating on whether the budget’s big or small.”

Assembled in the control room were the Edge, two “Spider-Man” leads who had just finished the night’s show – Reeve Carney, who plays Peter Parker, and T.V. Carpio, who plays the spider goddess Arachne – and the producer Steve Lillywhite and his engineering team. Carpio was there to redo her vocals on “Turn Off the Dark,” an otherworldly ballad that has her voice hovering over the Edge’s “infinite guitar.”

It’s a delicate vocal line, with tremulous arabesques reminiscent of the Cocteau Twins; Bono wanted it even more ghostly and intimate, completely free of Broadway-style projection. In a handful of takes it was done. After the actors left, Bono and Lillywhite continued to work till after 2 a.m. on “Rise Above 1,” which intercuts vocals by Carney and Bono. (The album was completed May 24, at about 6 a.m.) □



In photo, Bono, left, and The Edge of the band U2 at a book signing for the new book “U2 by U2” in New York. Although Julie Taymor was ousted from the troubled “Spider-man: Turn Off The Dark” musical, Bono says she’s a genius and he and The Edge were privileged to work with her on the production. Bono made the comments Thursday, June 9, 2011, as he and The Edge, who wrote the music and lyrics for the Broadway play, previewed the “Spider-man” soundtrack. It is being released on Tuesday, the same day as the official premiere of the musical. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

moved so it wouldn’t interfere with the beautiful, extraordinary set.”

The many production and financing delays of “Spider-Man” left Bono and the Edge

saw the production, it was already in previews. Bono described the original sound with a scatological epithet, and continued: “Not only was the wattage low and lacking

The story was clearer, the emotion stronger, the audience excited.

“This thing could work,” he said. In a jokey growl, he added, “Biggest comeback since

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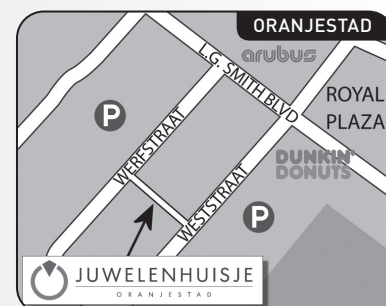
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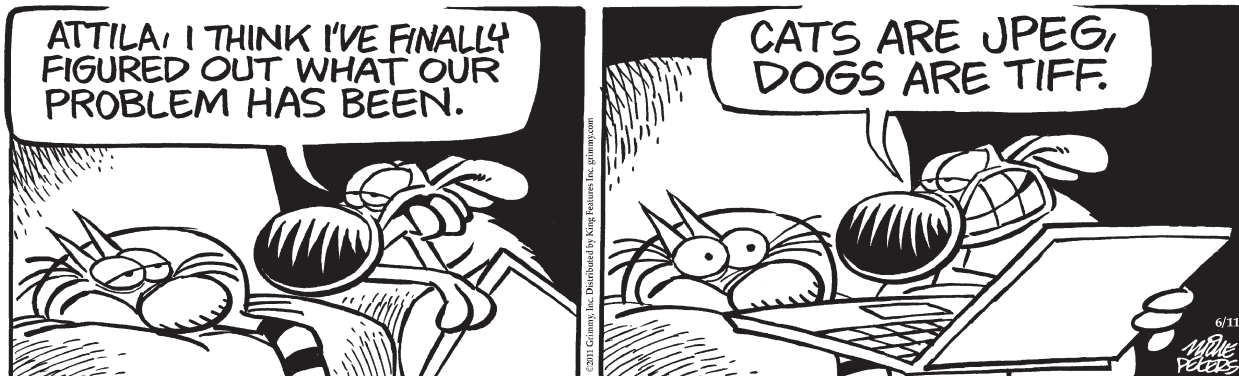
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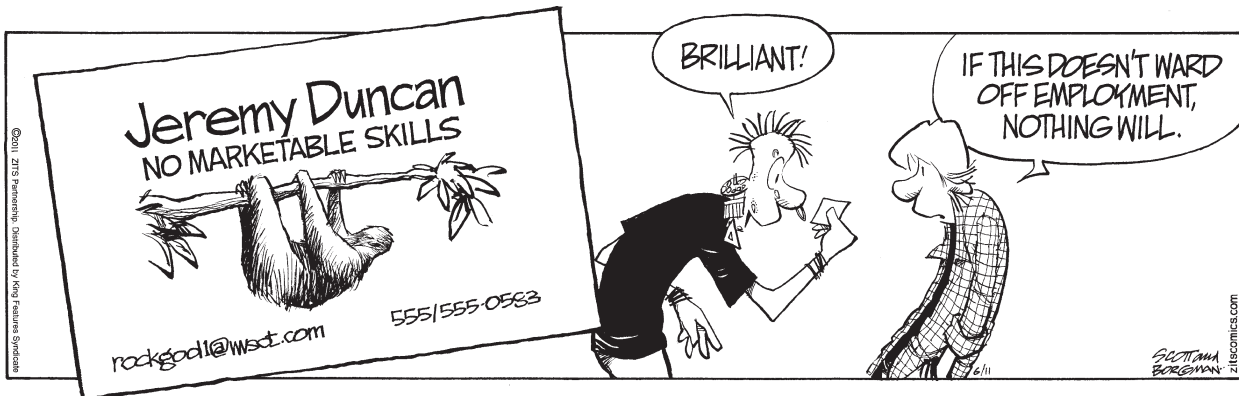
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- Car rental company
- "The Greatest Story Told"
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- Ascend
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- Theater walkways
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- Chops down
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- Empire
- Fred Mertz's wife
- In a __; miffed
- rings; fast food side order
- effects; drug reactions
- Religious belief
- Trait carriers
- rummy; card game
- Procrastinator's word
- Does wood carving
- Surgeon's tool
- Stench
- rock; lava
- Pair up incorrectly
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- Patella's place
- On drugs
- Singer Adams
- Row of shrubs

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- Lock of hair
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- Heavenly messenger
- On drugs
- Singer Adams
- Part of the eye

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Black and white, and Mormon all over

MARK OPPENHEIMER
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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS, Utah – On Christmas Day in 1964, the day before Darius A. Gray was to be baptized as a Mormon, he learned that the church would not allow a black man, like him, to be a priest.

"I was not amused," Gray recalled, with a rueful smile. It was last Saturday, and we were sitting with about 300 other Mormons, including dozens of children, at the annual picnic of the Genesis Group, a social organization

tered into the waters of baptism. Then the next day I went to church as a member for the first time. And I got called a nigger for the first time, by a little girl in church.

"I am not unaware," continued Gray, a bearded man with the smooth baritone of the television journalist he used to be, "of the bigotries and biases of people in this country, and in this church. But I have a counter to that, which is the assurance from God that this is the restored Gospel." By "restored," Gray was referring to the belief that Jo-

church says it does not keep records of membership by race. A happy tangle of young children played in the park's playground – short Afros, corn rows, fine blond hair – taking breaks to eat hot dogs and hamburgers and drink lemonade, but not caffeinated soda, this being a Mormon event. I hung back with the parents, listening to their stories.

A tall man wearing rainbow suspenders told me he likes the Genesis Group even though he is white and has no children.

"They're just friendly," said



Elias Gerald, 7, center, eats chips as his parents Danor and Jarrahlyn Gerald talk with others during the annual picnic of the Genesis Group at Anzak Park in Cottonwood Heights, Utah, June 4, 2011. The Genesis Group was chartered by church leaders in 1971, and it is one of several organizations for black Mormons and their friends.

(Djamila Grossman/The New York Times)

for black Mormons and their friends. Some were Latino or American Indian, and nearly half were white, the parents and siblings of adopted black children. It was the most racially integrated church event I have ever attended.

Having been introduced to Mormonism by kindly white neighbors in his hometown of Colorado Springs, Colo., the teenage Darius read his way through much the scripture of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had no idea about the racist church policy. His newfound faith was badly shaken.

"I went home and prayed," Gray said. "And I received a personal revelation, an inspiration from God: 'This is the restored Gospel, and you are to join.' So the next day, I en-

seph Smith's Book of Mormon completed the message of Old and New Testaments in 1830. Since that time, Mormonism has grown to more than 14 million members, according to the church, including many Africans converted by missionaries. But it was only in 1978 that the church opened the priesthood to "all worthy male members," no matter their race.

The Genesis Group was chartered by church leaders in 1971, and it is one of several organizations for black Mormons and their friends. Gray said he knew of other groups in California and Ohio. The Genesis Group's picnic in a Salt Lake City suburb is a small correction to the stereotype, largely accurate, of U.S. Mormonism as lily-white. The

the man, Wayne Richardson.

"So I come to help. I help set up the food."

He said that when he was a missionary in Alabama in 1975, he was not allowed to baptize a black maid.

"They would not allow it," Richardson said. "She wanted to learn the church teachings, and we were told not to. We were there to work with the rich whites."

Richardson could not remember who had forbid him from baptizing the woman, but he said the message had been clear.

Jerri A. Harwell, who is married to the president of the Genesis Group, said the singers Donny and Marie Osmond, famous Mormons, first made her curious about the religion. □

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Humala: Perú tendrá relación “integral” con Chile



El presidente electo de Perú, Ollanta Humala, durante una reunión con la presidenta de Brazil, Dilma Rousseff en el palacio presidencial de Planalto en Brasilia, Brazil, el jueves, 9 de junio, 2011. Humala realizó una visita de un día en Brazil. (AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

LIMA (AP) — Perú tendrá una relación “integral” con Chile y no una de “cuerdas separadas”, dijo el presidente electo Ollanta Humala en una entrevista. “Nosotros no vamos a mantener las relaciones de cuerdas

separadas, nosotros vemos toda la relación bilateral con Chile de una manera integral donde hay temas delicados, temas menos delicados y temas más sencillos de resolver”, dijo Humala el jueves al ser entrevistado por la cadena

televisiva Telesur.

El estilo de “cuerdas separadas” es practicado por el gobierno del saliente presidente Alan García y consiste en llevar por un camino el diferendo marítimo entre Perú y Chile, que se dirime en la Corte

Internacional de Justicia de La Haya (CIJ), y por otra vía el resto de la relación bilateral.

“Tenemos que ponerle atención a todos los temas, particularmente a los más delicados, creo que la mejor manera de mejorar nuestras relaciones es tocar los temas históricos, resolviéndolos.

Y eso va a permitir hermanarnos”, dijo Humala, que el 15 de junio llegará a Chile en el marco de una gira por Sudamérica.

El presidente electo, que asumirá el poder el 28 de julio, comentó que “pueden desarrollarse proyectos binacionales que permitan integrar a Chile y Perú”.

“Somos vecinos y tenemos que llevarnos bien y eso implica mejorar nuestras relaciones económicas, culturales y comerciales... buscar el crecimiento económico a través de una serie de proyectos binacionales puedan generar una mejoría en la economía tanto de ellos como de nosotros”, comentó.

El mandatario saliente fue

cauteloso cuando se le pidió comentarios sobre las declaraciones de Humala.

“No analizo nada de lo que diga el presidente electo, lo dejo trabajar, él tiene sus puntos de vista y después veremos los efectos y los resultados, pero creo que hay que apoyar todo lo que diga el presidente electo para que tenga éxito y también en política internacional”, dijo García a Radioprogramas de Lima.

Humala ha moderado su discurso antichileno y dos días antes de la segunda vuelta electoral del 5 de junio dijo a corresponsales en Lima que en un eventual gobierno suyo iba a “consolidar las relaciones con Chile”. Perú demandó a Chile en 2008 ante la CIJ por una controversia sobre sus límites marítimos. Perú afirma que la frontera marítima con Chile nunca ha sido fijada pero Chile asegura que quedó establecida en los tratados de 1952 y 1954, instrumentos que para Perú son meros convenios de pesca. □

Llaman a nueva subasta de casa de ex general Noriega

PANAMA (AP) — El gobierno llamó a una nueva subasta de la residencia principal del ex dictador Manuel Antonio Noriega para el 16 de junio.

El ministerio de Economía y Finanzas informó que el valor estimado de la propiedad del ex hombre fuerte panameño es de 2,6 millones de dólares.

Situado en el barrio capitalino de San Francisco, el inmueble está abandonado y hasta hace poco se refugiaban allí indigentes. La residencia, ubicada en una finca de 3.245 metros cuadrados, le fue expropiada a Noriega tras su expulsión del poder por la invasión de Estados Unidos el 20 de diciembre de 1989.

Las autoridades decretaron desierta una subasta de la casa el 14 de abril porque no se presentó ningún postor.

El Estado expropió a Noriega varios inmuebles y fincas en la capital y en el interior del país y congeló cuentas del ex dictador y su familia.

El abogado del ex militar, Julio Berrío, dijo reciente a The Associated Press que su cliente había adquirido la casa de forma lícita producto de “su trabajo y servicio” en las fuerzas armadas. Berrío presentó un recurso ante la justicia para detener la venta de la propiedad de Noriega, que aún no ha sido resuelto. Noriega asumió el control del ejército panameño y del país en 1983.

El ex general, de 77 años, purga una condena por lavado de dinero en Francia, adonde fue extraditado desde Estados Unidos en abril de 2010.

El gobierno del presidente Ricardo Martinelli ha enviado a París tres solicitudes para conseguir la extradición del ex general, las cuales no han sido resueltas. □

Ecuador y Colombia estrechan nexos militares

QUITO (AP) — Los ministros de Defensa de Ecuador, Javier Ponce, y de Colombia, Rodrigo Rivera, firmaron el viernes un acuerdo para fortalecer el intercambio de información militar y desarrollar centros de atención de frontera para fortalecer la seguridad en la zona limítrofe. Un comunicado del ministerio de Defensa de Ecuador, señaló que ambos ministros suscribieron el documento en la población ecuatoriana de Puerto El Carmen, 295 kilómetros al noreste de la capital, donde además efectivos de ambos países desplegaron brigadas de atención médica para atender a los pobladores de la zona.

El documento señala que entre los objetivos del convenio están “el fomento de la cooperación y el desarrollo de las capacidades de respuesta ante las amenazas comunes ... fortalecer los

mecanismos de intercambio de información, apoyar la implementación y funcionamiento de centros de atención de frontera”.

También define la necesidad de adoptar protocolos de actuación de las fuerzas militares encargadas de la seguridad limítrofe, además ejecutar acciones cívico-militares binacionales, la primera de ellas dar atención médica a unos 5.000 ciudadanos.

En Puerto Ospina, población fronteriza de Colombia, se desarrollará similares acciones. Ecuador y Colombia comparten alrededor de 640 kilómetros de frontera, en buena parte de los cuales operan grupos armados irregulares en el lado colombiano, y que con frecuencia pasan a suelo ecuatoriano en busca de refugio clandestino, descanso y provisiones. □

Fujimori continúa en exámenes

LIMA (AP) — El ex presidente Alberto Fujimori continuaba el viernes en exámenes médicos en un hospital, informó su doctor, tras una recaída en la salud del ex mandatario que provocó el jueves su traslado desde la cárcel donde cumple una condena por delitos de lesa humanidad. Ha perdido poco más de 15 kilos, y “hay la presencia de una nueva lesión sublingual, (y) se le está evaluando toda la parte circulatoria porque la pierna derecha está muy hinchada”, dijo el su médico Alejandro Aguinaga al canal local N.

Añadió que Fujimori, de 72 años, será sometido a “pruebas sanguíneas, pruebas de imágenes con contrastes y tomografías”. El médico dijo a la emisora Radioprogramas de Lima que el ex mandatario pesaba 82 kilos antes de ser operado quirúrgicamente. □

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